

Akwesasne Comprehensive Community Development Plan

"Helping Build a Better Tomorrow"

*"Ska'nikónra Aietewátste Aietéwariwaseróni ne Tsinénwe
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INTRODUCTION

The Economic Development Department of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe initiated a community participatory project called “Akwesasne Comprehensive Community Development Plan” that formally started in April 2008. The primary intent for this project was to engage community members to participate in the community development planning process by completing a community questionnaire and discussing their future vision for Akwesasne. The goals of the participatory approach were to reinforce the community’s collective spirit; enhance community members’ voice; identify community development vision, priorities, goals and objectives; and to establish guidelines and plans for community development, growth, education, health, sustainability, and overall well-being.

Key factors stressed in the process included an elaboration of community members’ ideas, hopes, aspirations, and values in establishing a future vision for Akwesasne. Comprehensive community input established identification of priorities for future development in all areas of community life – social, cultural, economic, and governance.

The priorities voiced by Akwesasró:non in the survey responses provides a sound basis and direction for community leadership to utilize this very important tool to plan strategically in enhancing existing institutions/programs/services and creating new institutions/programs/services where required. Utilization of the identified development priorities in planning and implementation would truly validate and respect the results of the participatory process. This would also send a message that participation in consultative surveys is worthwhile and this should motivate community members to actively participate in future consultations.

This report has been formulated as a Framework that will facilitate the development of a Comprehensive Community Development Plan. It is organized to provide the community and its leadership with guidelines for future development to help establish a strategic direction that will help define and shape where and how the community should grow.

The Vision Statement for each section can be considered the guiding principles representative of frequently recurring themes in the findings about future community development. The Summary Findings present an analysis of the data. The

Framework Goals serve to identify community priorities that leadership should focus on for future development. Framework Recommendations have been formulated to assist in identifying actions and policies to be carried out and supported by leadership when making decisions about public investment and community development. Overall, the Framework Report will facilitate the establishment of a community driven strategic direction that will provide leadership with direction from Akwesasró:non about their priorities for the future development of Akwesasne.

Key developmental priorities, issues, and vision statements were identified and assessed from quantitative and qualitative information as tabulated and interpreted from the results of the "People's Survey", "Youth Survey", community group gatherings, interviews, and discussions with individual community members. The summary findings sections present the analysis and interpretation of quantitative and qualitative information obtained through the participatory process. The data analysis findings can be found in the appendix section of the Report.

Since we used a non-probability sampling procedure in the selection of our respondents, the extent to which our sample represents the entire population cannot be known. A review of the overall demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the final sample shows that they are roughly comparable to what we know about our community's population profile.

Efforts, however, were made to be as inclusive as possible when soliciting community participation. Specifically, individuals, community groups and organizations, gatherings, and family groups were invited to participate in completing the survey. The participatory process was extensively advertised on radio and newspaper to ensure that all segments of our community had a chance to complete the questionnaires.

Two-hundred and fifty-four (255) adults participated in completed the survey entitled "A People's Survey" consisted of 67 questions comprised of multiple choice and write-in open ended questions. Participants not having completed the survey(s) however contributing input by oral participation numbered almost one-hundred. The "Youth Survey" participants total was ninety-one (91) youth ages twelve to nineteen.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Comprehensive Community Development Plan Framework was developed to facilitate the establishment of a community driven strategic direction that will provide leadership with direction to help define and shape where and how the community should grow.

A participatory process was initiated to obtain community members' views, ideas, hopes, aspirations, and ideal vision for future development of Akwesasne. A community questionnaire, entitled "A People's Survey" was utilized for this purpose and complemented by the added means of a "Youth Survey", discussions, interviews, and consultation with individuals, community groups, family groups, business owners, employees, youth groups, elder groups, and personnel of community government managers and administration.

This Framework Report defines the community's ideal vision for the future development of Akwesasne in all areas of community life. The defined vision for each area – social, economic, cultural, and governance - can be considered the guiding principles of the community for future development. The goals serve to define community priorities that leadership should focus on for future development. Recommendations have been formulated to assist in identifying actions and policies to be carried out and supported by leadership when making decisions about public investment and development.

The overall outcomes realized by this process provided the following themes that were identified as most important community priorities for future development of Akwesasne:

Education - Results from our surveys show that 95 percent of our youth respondents plan to go to college. We must take active measures to ensure that they all achieve their educational goals, as 70 percent of adult respondents said their education was curtailed by financial and/or family constraints. Increased community oversight of educational programs was identified as most important community priority for education planning with emphasis on increasing culture and language integration in schools.

Housing – Almost two-thirds of our respondents said that they would like to see "much more" energy efficient housing while just under half said they would like to see "much more" single family housing. Regarding future housing initiatives, about 67 percent saw access to community revenues to develop environmentally friendly housing, planned residential areas, and access to loans for home building in the community as high priorities.

Employment – Quality, well-paying jobs accessible to all Akwesasró:non who want to live and work in the community was the highest priority. About half of our adult respondents were not satisfied with employment opportunities on the reservation. One third of our respondents had annual incomes of \$20,000 or less. One in four workers did not have health insurance. Development of funding sources for education and access to increased vocational training within Akwesasne is needed. Enhanced native preference policies, programs and services to facilitate employment access, and business development are considered very important to support employment development in Akwesasne.

Language/Culture – With only seven percent of adult respondents identifying themselves as fluent in Mohawk, over 90 percent said “keeping Mohawk language alive” was a high priority. Similarly, the large majority (about 85 percent) identified maintaining Mohawk traditions and practices alive and teaching Mohawk language and culture in schools as high priorities. Increased language and culture in schools as well as increasing learning opportunities for all members are considered very important priorities to maintain our Kanien’kéha:ka identity.

Health and Social Services – The majority of adult respondents saw their physician (68%), dentist (56%), optometrist (71%) and pharmacist in Akwesasne. Participants prioritized development of a universal Akwesasne healthcare and social services system to provide quality services. Traditional and alternative medicines and healing approaches, as well as services designed to strengthen families and youth at risk are also considered very important priorities.

Governance – With regard to leadership issues, three out of four said that governments working together on many issues was a high priority. Two out of three wanted leaders to focus on land claims and ensure community consultation on any agreement with outside entities. The highest priorities with respect to governance planning included initiatives that brings about governance unity, transparency and accountability, moving land claims forward, and enhancing community participation.

Justice – Participants would like to see the Akwesasne Justice System and court to provide same services, hear all issues, and look like non-native courts, however high importance was placed on incorporating traditional elements within the Justice system, as well as strengthening enforcement.

Economy - The large majority of respondents gave high priority to economic initiatives focused on image improvement (73%), research and development of alternative energy sources (70%),

passing fuel/gas tax savings onto the community (67%) and creating a community utility company (65.1%). Respondents also prioritized increased access to business loans, mortgage loans and other banking services. Development strategies should focus on alternative energy based initiatives, alternative lower cost energy sources, cultural tourism, small independent business development and a diversified economy.

Land Use and Environment – The large majority of respondents identified litter along roadside (74%) and unsightly junk in yards (66.0%) and deteriorating roads (69%) as big problems. Consistent with Mohawk support for environmental sustainability, a large majority of respondents give high priority to land use initiatives such as alternative energy development (78%), recycling (72%), enforcing pollution controls (69%), and the preservation of wetlands and woodlands (61%). The majority also gave high priority to land use planning and land use regulations for different types of functions.

Our Youth - The ideal vision of the Youth of Akwesasne is to be drug-free, sober, and free from the negative outside perceptions about our community; they want a community that they are proud to call home. Youth see it as very important to increase language and traditional cultural teaching in their schools. Our youth want more availability of recreational and sports programs and a youth oriented facility for social activities.

Our Elders – Participants emphasized prioritizing educational and employment opportunities for our youth. The majority feel that the (outside) government must maintain their fiduciary responsibility to provide healthcare. Our Elders stressed that leadership must ensure that enough land is available for our families and children to live in Akwesasne as well as affordable homes.

In summary, we heard from the people that Akwesasró:non of all ages value our Kanien'ké:ha language and culture and want to have development plans in place to ensure that they remain a strong and vibrant foundation of our community. Akwesasró:non want opportunities to pursue higher education and access training and have the ability to obtain quality, well-paying jobs so that they can live and prosper in their own community. Quality health care and effective social services are very important and their provision should be universal to all Akwesasró:non. Akwesasró:non want our distinctive governance structures to work together in a unified approach for the advancement of our collective objectives such as land claims. Akwesasró:non want an effective Justice system integrated with traditional elements. A diversified economy that promotes equitable employment opportunities for all Akwesasró:non is a high priority. Akwesasró:non are concerned

about our environment and want to see more planned development, access to lower cost energy, and protection of our resources. Our Youth are concerned about social issues and outside perceptions. We heard that our Elders want more opportunities for our Youth, and envision an expanded land base for the next generations.

There are a number of significant implications both for leadership and Akwesasró:non in seeking to implement the comprehensive community development plan. There are significant cost and resource requirements involved, but more significant is the need for community ownership of the plan to achieve the defined vision.

Once community approval is sought and received for the CCDP Framework, a formal Comprehensive Community Development Plan should be developed covering all planning areas – Natural and Cultural resources, Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, Agricultural, Utilities and Community facilities, Intergovernmental cooperation, and detailed action and implementation approaches. This process will require a coordinated effort among many levels of leadership, administration, and community participants.

VISION STATEMENT

“My vision for the future of the Akwesasne community is a place where the community is well in body, mind and spirit; a place where we respect each other and all living things; a place where language and culture are a priority and integrated into everything we do; a place that shows we care for it.”¹

In 2029, Akwesasne is a prosperous and thriving community located along the St. Lawrence River. Akwesasne is known for its vibrant People whose Mohawk language and culture encompass all areas of community life. Akwesasne is a welcoming place for visitors from near and far with many cultural tourism opportunities that are renowned throughout the world.

Cooperative community governance structures work together to strengthen Akwesasne unity and promote collective advancement. Effective planning and use of Tribal enterprise profits has positively impacted all areas of community life -

Akwesasró:non enjoy a safe, secure, and clean environment with sustainable wetlands and wildlife areas harmonized with well-planned affordable and energy efficient housing and plenty of recreational areas.

Local employment opportunities abound for Akwesasró:non with a diversified - sustainable economy mixed with independent businesses and alternative energy businesses producing clean low cost energy and supplying products to a national market.

Akwesasró:non have a community-controlled education system including a high school and vocational and trades training programs. The health and wellness system ensures universal provision of quality holistic healthcare and social services.

Akwesasró:non are proud of this community and proud of maintaining our traditional lands, culture, and language – assuring a sustainable Kanien'kéha:ka way of life².

¹ Quotation from a participant of the “People’s Survey”.

² The preceding vision statement was created by an integration of frequently recurring themes identified through the community participatory process with respect to development priorities in relation to social, cultural, economic, environmental, and governance conditions.

EDUCATION

VISION

Education is a critical key to the success of our community. Akwesasró:non envision access to quality education at all levels and increased control - Kanien'kéha:ka control over Kanien'kéha:ka education. Akwesasró:non envision a proud and strong Kanien'kéha:ka identity, this achieved in part by an education system and structure that has the ability to prepare each student with the skills, the knowledge, and the capability to assume his or her roles and responsibility as productive and committed citizens or leaders of the Kanien'kéha:ka community of Akwesasne.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

Education is clearly very important for the people of Akwesasne. Virtually all responses from our youth (95%) of our 91 respondents aged 12-19, said that they're either planning to go to college or were already in college. One in three youth identified Syracuse as their college of choice, considerably more than the next most popular selections: Potsdam (4%) and Canton (4%). Syracuse University's pledge to provide affordable education to the people of the Iroquois Nation is clearly having a positive effect on our youth.

The results of our Peoples Survey, however, show that there are obstacles to achieving higher learning goals. Seventy percent of our respondents identified at least one obstacle preventing their reaching their educational goals. Financial and employment constraints and familial obligation were the most frequently identified.

A number of themes emerged from both the quantitative and open ended questions when respondents were asked to consider priorities for education planning. Quality education with high standards that offers training and skills to better compete in the marketplace, one that respects and strengthens Mohawk culture and language should be the hallmark of any education initiative. Increased community oversight of educational programs and initiatives were also identified as priorities for education planning. When asked about specific future education planning, respondents placed the highest priority on the need for "our own high school" and more vocational training. There was also

an indication for a need for a community college on the within the community.

GOALS

1. Establish the Akwesasne High School by 2020. AHS will be governed by our own School Board and staffed with our own teachers and administrators.
2. Akwesasró:non have access to adequate support and financial resources for all community members and students seeking higher education.
3. Vocational and lifelong learning opportunities are available and accessible to all Akwesasró:non.
4. Achieve functional use of the Kanien'khé:ha language and culture into educational institutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop a comprehensive education strategy addressing every aspect including, but not limited to planned jurisdictional control, resourcing, setting up appropriate bodies, identifying educational requirements for academic, vocational, adult, cultural education, and enhancing existing programs.
- Our leadership must seize the opportunity to negotiate the transfer of control and resources to achieve true jurisdictional control of education.
- Initiate an intensive Akwesasne High School community consultation in planning for the jurisdictional control of this education project.
- Assign staff to begin researching what is needed to have our own high school; begin identifying funding sources and other resources needed to make it a reality.
- Expand existing Indian Education committee to ensure diversity among the group which would spread the work load needed to make progress toward establishing our own high school and vocational programs. Committee should be made up of dedicated educational planners, employment agencies, funding agencies and interested community members to work toward making our own high school a reality by 2020.

- Existing education programs/departments provide enhanced services ensuring access to adequate financial resources for all community members seeking higher education and training.
- Prioritize reinvestment funds for educational financial assistance programs and scholarship funds to be established with a percentage of Gaming Enterprise profits, Tribal enterprise profits, and other available sources.
- Facilitate continuing education by establishing a fund for childcare allowance to assist parents with familial constraints in pursuit of higher education and vocational training.
- Begin a focused educational grant writing strategy to support and sustain the education fund programs.
- Utilize existing facilities to provide vocational programs. Minimize duplication where possible by working cooperatively with existing training and education organizations to identify specific demand for vocational training programs, identify and access required funding, and implement programs within the community.
- Harmonize services and funding to avoid duplication – support and expand existing vocational organizations. Maximize the utilization of existing institutions and infrastructure by negotiating with both the US and Canadian government to achieve harmonized delivery of services. i.e. Iohahi:io Adult Education Center infrastructure, Harmonize delivery of services so that the end user can capitalize on the acquired skill set on either side of the border.
- Increase language and culture into existing curricula in the schools that our children attend both within Akwesasne and outside the community.
- Utilize existing original Mohawk speakers effectively to prioritize Mohawk Language sustainability. Provide and finance permanent programs for Kanien'ké:ha Language Instructors succession and, ultimately, sustainability to ensure that Mohawk language teachers are available to future generations.
- Promote and support development of speakers who are gifted with teaching abilities to pursue teaching careers.
- Provide permanent programs for sustainability to ensure that Mohawk teachers are available to future generations.

- Formalize programs for teacher placement existing programs such as the Akwesasne Freedom School and the Skahwatsira Program of the Tsi Snaihne School to prioritize sustainability of Mohawk teachers.

HOUSING

VISION

All community members have equitable access to affordable, energy efficient, cost effective housing with planned housing development locations that minimize environmental impacts, along with attainable and fair financing options.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

Most of the respondents of the Peoples Survey lived in Akwesasne (just under 90%) owned their homes (68%) and lived in single family dwellings (75%). When asked to identify the types of housing needed on the reservation, respondents saw a considerable need for energy efficient housing and single family structures, while preferring fewer mobile homes in the community. When asked to indicate their “priorities for future housing initiatives, respondents stressed access to financial resources (loans/mortgages) to build homes in Akwesasne and availability of community revenues to develop environmentally friendly housing. Respondents also stressed both in the qualitative and quantitative results the need for planned residential housing development to ensure a stable environment for both the present and future generations.

53.3% supported community revenue to be used for housing development within Akwesasne and 55.1% were in favor of using community revenue to purchase lands for housing development within Akwesasne land claims areas. Land scarcity is a basic concern that is reflected in the qualitative feedback. Support is strong for purchasing lands adjacent to Akwesasne, in land claim areas to be utilized for housing development. Community members would like to see more eco-friendly, energy efficient, affordable housing available and attainable.

GOALS

1. Develop a planned community housing development model.
2. Construction of eco-friendly and energy efficient units to become the norm.
3. Formally designate location(s) for housing development.
4. Increase awareness and access to alternative financing and housing program options.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop and implement a Housing and Infrastructure Environmental Strategy including guidelines, policies, and regulations for preferred development patterns.
- Determine priorities to utilize existing community owned land for housing development.
- Purchase land from community member(s), or purchase lands adjacent to Akwesasne in land claim areas.
- Identify areas and specific locations amenable to environmentally sound housing development while minimizing infrastructure costs i.e. close to existing infrastructure.
- Identify costs and set up a fund for land purchases.
- Cluster model – cluster home sites with shared road/highway access, services, and green spaces.
- Emphasize pedestrian, bicycle and outdoor recreation oriented design as keys to creating more vital and sustainable residential neighborhood(s).
- Research and implement construction options that are eco-friendly, energy efficient, and affordable.
- Increase community awareness for the Section 184 Indian Loan Program.
- Identify and correct possible barriers for access to existing loan programs including Section 184 Indian Loan Program.
- Identify options for alternative financing arrangements and guarantee programs.
- Develop a housing loan program funded by community/gaming revenues.
- Existing community housing organizations to develop and implement a communication plan to ensure that community members are aware of existing programs presently available and required criteria (i.e. income thresholds, land ownership) to access these programs.

- Existing community housing organizations to undertake research and training to develop new and innovative programs, services, and housing technologies.
- Ensure regular training and up-grading in technical skills and knowledge for all local community housing organizational staff.
- Ensure regular dissemination of information to the community for available housing programs and services, energy efficiency upgrades; maintenance training and seasonal preparations. This information may be regularly distributed to the community through use of newsletters, community website, and multi-media.

EMPLOYMENT

VISION

Employment opportunities are structured to encourage and support Akwesasne to obtain higher education and return to the community to work and live; local training programs for vocations and trades are consistently available as well as many programs supporting business development along with access to available capital sources.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

When respondents were asked whether they were satisfied with employment opportunities in Akwesasne for themselves and their family, the majority (53%) said no. While this opinion may seem inconsistent with the economic profile of our respondents – most were employed full time had decent annual incomes – 10 percent were unemployed and almost one third had annual income of \$20,000 or less. The call is for better jobs in the community with more resources for those who either own their own business or to start one. When asked to express their vision for the future of employment development opportunities in Akwesasne, the open ended feedback heavily weighted priorities on increased local training opportunities and strengthening Native Preference hiring practices for local businesses, government organizations, and tribal enterprises. Respondents indicated that community members want equitable wages as well as benefits and stressed the need for increased opportunities for people who have obtained higher education to return to the community to work at higher management and professional level jobs. Support was indicated for community members to obtain professional designations in engineering and health fields. More local training in the skilled trade's area was voiced as important. Areas to focus on for future development include tourism, non-cigarette manufacturing, alternative energy opportunities, and business diversification to create and increase local employment. Participants also indicated support for developing cultural tourism as an area of employment development opportunity.

GOALS

1. Employment development for Akwesasne comprises a comprehensive community-wide strategy that involves stakeholders from private and public sectors, youth, and community member representation.
2. Strategic opportunities will be developed to provide for the ultimate goal of equitable full employment for community members attained by local training development, educational support, community Native preference hiring policies, economic development and business diversification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Initiate a Community Workforce Commission creating a comprehensive, community-wide response to the challenges of building a highly skilled workforce to meet the current and future demands of the Akwesasne economy.
- Community Workforce Commission should be a unified community approach utilizing representatives from existing training organizations (Tribal Workforce Investment, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Human Resources, Akwesasne Area Management Board, Akwesasne Economic Development Agency, Iohahi:io Adult Education), combined with economic development representatives as well as private sector business individuals, members, and youth representatives.
- Community workforce commission is tasked with the responsibility to engage in an ongoing strategic planning process to identify strategies and actions that will develop the community's workforce within targeted areas based on projected demand for skilled trades, tourism, professions, "green sector"³ jobs, and workforce needs of a diversified economy.

³ Definition – Green Sector and Green Jobs: Involve businesses and jobs associated with improving the environment including creating and/or using energy more efficiently.

- Community workforce commission examine the existence of employment barriers including where Native Preference policies are in place; devise strategies and community policies to increase Native Employment in community organizations, government, and businesses.
- Develop Youth job shadowing programs in community businesses and tribal enterprises for youth to experience a variety of positions, exploring career goals, and learning about education requirements that they can pursue to obtain quality employment in the community.
- Formulate Employment Development Policies for higher level management, administrative, and professional positions to support Native Preference. Native candidates who may fall short of required experience can be mentored in the position by the non-native based on a predetermined timeline with planned Native Preference succession.
- Gather salary/wage data to study inconsistencies on comparable jobs within and outside the community. Create uniform guidelines to support wage parity.
- Support partnerships that align career pathways with economic development goals by communicating current and projected labor market needs to students, educators and parents.
- Conduct research to determine the prospective opportunities for Economic Development and job creation via "green industries" such as eco-friendly housing and alternative energy.
- Implement a proactive approach to "Green Collar" – training that will prepare our labor force for opportunities in alternative energy industries and eco-friendly housing industries; align the training with the Economic Development Strategy initiatives. Akwesasne training organizations can partner with providers to bring training to Akwesasne for specific alternative energy and eco-business initiatives. For example, Clinton Community College is experienced in such training and has developed training programs for windmill technicians. Programs could be tailored to specific business development projects and delivered in Akwesasne.
- Encourage and assist youth to pursue higher education for professional "Green Sector" jobs such as environmental engineers, environmental technologists and technicians and conservation biologists.

- Develop Tourism – The Akwesasne Cultural Tourism Strategy is currently being finalized. Prioritize community approval and implementation.
- Economic development departments assist entrepreneurs with process and proposals to proactively seek opportunities for government procurement projects for “Green Sector” businesses, construction, technology, telecommunications, and alternative energy for existing and new business development.

LANGUAGE/CULTURE

VISION:

The Kanien'khé:ha language and culture are the core of who we are as Kanien'kéha:ka People. We envision a future when all Akwesasró:non are speakers of the language. The voices we hear from the young children, the parents, the grandparents are Kanien'khé:ha voices. Everywhere we go, we hear our Mohawk voices - 'Kwa tsiknónwe enionkwátonte'ne ne Kanien'khé:ha.

Akwesasró:non envision an enduring pride in being Kanien'kéha:ka - this pride based on the language, the beliefs, the customs, the values, and daily way of life in Akwesasne. This is what culture is – the way we live and how we identify ourselves as being Kanien'kéha:ka.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

The desire to maintain and promote the Mohawk culture and language on the reservation was strong among our respondents. Although only a modest number of respondents identified themselves as either moderate (14%) or fluent (7%) Mohawk speakers, 90% identified "keeping the Mohawk language alive" as a high priority. Similarly 85 percent strongly supported maintaining cultural traditions and practices. Increasing Mohawk language instruction in schools attended by Mohawk children both on and outside of the reservation and increasing opportunities for learning Mohawk language and practices at every opportunity were identified as key priorities;

GOALS

1. Achieve functional and active use of the Kanien'khé:ha language by integrating the language into all facets Akwesasne life.
2. Information and knowledge of Kanien'kéha:ka cultural traditional practices are available to Akwesasró:non in order to enable them to make choices that are appropriate to their own values as Akwesasró:non.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop and implement a comprehensive Kanien'khé:ha Language and Cultural strategy as a community wide effort. Ensure that multiple opportunities are available to Akwesasró:non to learn and use our language and cultural practices. This strategy to include, but not limited to all leadership, government administration, business, education and cultural institutions, and community organizations.
- Mohawk schools, teachers, and organizations (i.e. Head Start, Day Cares) working with children should regularly interact to ensure that the Kanien'khé:ha Language and Cultural Strategy is being implemented in a consistent approach.
- Parents of children in all Kanien'kéha:ka schools, programs and institutions will be encouraged to actively participate and be knowledgeable about the *Kanien'khé:ha Language and Cultural Strategy*.
- In keeping with the idea of a community wide effort, the Kanien'khé:ha Language and Cultural Strategy should be strongly promoted to be supported and implemented by the private sector.
- Implement a signage campaign throughout the community with signs written in the Kanien'khé:ha Language.
- Identify and engage committed Kanien'kéha:ka original speakers in the territory to participate in the language and cultural strategy.
- Recognize and provide incentives for fluent Kanien'khé:ha speakers employed in community governments and institutions in the course of their employment.
- Establish a regular Kanien'khé:ha Day (Mohawk Language Day) each month. The community will focus on speaking Kanien'khé:ha in all areas of life... work place, home, etc. Materials to facilitate this can be developed and provided to all Akwesasró:non and made available in the newsletter and on the website and through the radio and other available technology.
- Utilize, facilitate and support access to modern telecommunications technology for the use and promotion of the Kanien'khé:ha language and culture through radio,

website/internet, television and any other available media.

- Evaluate and support existing successful language renewal and development projects, programs and institutions.
- Develop a program to integrate speakers in the schools to create an environment where students, administrators, and staff will be exposed to practical and functional dialogue and interaction with original speakers.
- Compensate the speakers with funds allocated from community resources (Gaming Enterprise profits).
- Utilize existing original Mohawk speakers effectively to prioritize Mohawk Language and culture sustainability by integration of speakers at all levels into the government and other public sector environments.
- Provide and finance permanent programs for Kanien'khé:ha Language Instructors succession and, ultimately, sustainability to ensure that Mohawk language teachers are available to future generations.
- Formalize programs for teacher placement at successful and proven Kanien'khé:ha teaching institutions in order to promote and support sustainability of Mohawk teachers.
- Promote use of the Kanien'khé:ha language in every Kanien'kéha:ka home; Develop mechanisms and tools to be made available to families enabling them to take a proactive approach to acquire and develop Mohawk language skills and cultural practices exposing their children to our language and culture early in life.
- Ensure that traditional culture and practices are not forgotten, those that are inclined have the opportunity to carry on the traditions and practices.
- Opportunities for every Akwesasró:non to access information on Kanien'kéha:ka cultural traditions and practices are available, enabling and facilitating individual choices.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

VISION

We envision a physically, socially, and mentally and spiritually healthy Akwesasne Community that is sustained by a health and social care system that is universally accessible and provided to all Akwesasró:non. Leadership, health care institutions and professionals possess a high level of commitment to the physical, mental, spiritual health and well being of the people.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

The majority of respondents receive many of their basic health care services within Akwesasne Territory. For example, two out of three used a physician or clinic within the community for basic medical needs. Most were generally satisfied with the services. Similarly, large majorities of respondents meet their eye care and pharmaceutical needs on the reservation and were generally satisfied with those services. While a majority of respondents met their dental needs within Akwesasne, 44 percent sought dental care outside the community, mostly in Cornwall. Relative to other health services, respondents were less satisfied with available dental care on the reservation.

Respondents typically had to leave Akwesasne for specialized medical care or hospitalization. Cornwall was the most identified location for specialized medical services (37%) and hospitalization (50%). Lack of access to such care on the reservation was clearly a factor in the relative lack of satisfaction with such services among respondents. Although diabetes and dialysis services are directly named as priority needs, at the same time, respondents indicate a high priority for a comprehensive universal healthcare system provided to all Akwesasró:non without cost and regardless of place of residency.

When asked to indicate their satisfaction with social services within the community, respondents were most satisfied with alcohol treatment, child care, senior, child abuse and family planning services while expressing a considerable dissatisfaction with disability, youth and gambling services. A substantial number of respondents also expressed dissatisfaction with “homeless services” a reflection perhaps of the lack of any such services in the community.

Respondents were given a list of youth social issues and asked to identify those that were of most concern. Virtually all respondents (90%) were most concerned with drug/substance abuse. Three out of four were most concerned with alcohol abuse, uninvolved parents and illegal activities, and two out of three found teen pregnancy and abusive relationships to be youth issues of most concern.

When asked what the community can do to prevent youth from becoming involved in illegal activities to make money, respondents frequently suggested that we need to assist parents more with effective programs so that they can be prepared to help to strengthen youth moral, social, and cultural values. Increased education and information about the lifelong consequences was also recommended for social programs to prioritize. Increasing availability of youth targeted programs for trades training, vocational training, education financial support is considered very important; opportunities for well-paying/quality employment accessible in the community is regarded as a priority for youth to be able to see education and training as a worthwhile goal. Many respondents also recommended that stronger enforcement of laws and stricter penalties should be imposed for youth violators and holding parents accountable.

The open ended questions listed dental services, sports medicine, traditional medicines, diabetes and pediatricians were the additional health services cited as being needed most. Prevention services were also mentioned often. Dental Services was cited most often, due to long wait in getting an appointment and limited services were viewed as the biggest issues.

GOALS

1. Quality universal health care and social services to be provided to all Akwesasró:non.
2. Our youth are our future and our goal is to ensure that each and every one has the opportunity to become successful and productive citizens of Akwesasne.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the leadership of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will take appropriate actions to ensure that they and external government (s) continue to provide health and social services according to their fiduciary obligations.

- Institute a health reform which creates a health care system in which the health of the mind and body are no longer treated as separate, in which a patient can receive the benefits of holistic care. We need a reform in which high quality, accessible health care is considered a basic right again, and need to ensure that the federal government is meeting its fiduciary responsibility is met.
- A comprehensive and in depth review of health/social services in the community. Dialogue with northern part of the community with a view to potential partnerships in access and the delivery of services to all Akwesasró:non.
- Strategically plan for implementation of a full range of health services both physical and mental available in the community.
- Strategically plan for the implementation of a universal health care program for all Akwesasró:non. Work toward ensuring that all fees for health care needs to be covered for all Akwesasró:non.
- Build on the family values of “kawatsire” as a predominant means in dealing with social service issues. In any social situation it is important to make best efforts to keep family and extended family units intact before proceeding with alternative options.
- Ensure that traditional values of Kawatsire are predominant and incorporated in service design, implementation and delivery for both health and social services.
- Prioritize increasing development of youth and family programs and support services targeted at reducing and eliminating youth at risk to becoming involved in illegal activities.
- Review existing dental services and community need to implement enhanced services and improve capacities to effectively manage everyday community needs as well as emergency dental needs.
- Explore the feasibility/viability of a hospital. An example of a community hospital is the Kateri Hospital in Kahnawake which has a similar population to Akwesasne.
- Financially support education for young Akwesasró:non to become doctors, nurses, and healthcare specialists; ensure they are given priority to return and work in the community healthcare system with comparable pay to the outside.

- Recruit and engage qualified Native American health and social services employees.
- Compensation for health care and social service professionals needs to be competitive and on par with national rates. This is important to ensure that our people are motivated to pursue careers in these fields and further, enabling us to recruit quality professionals to staff our institutions.
- Designate resources to invest in traditional and alternative methods of healing mind, body and spirit.
- Reduce dependency on pharmaceuticals; develop and incorporate holistic, traditional and alternative medicines and treatment approaches into mainstream health services.
- Prioritize prevention to reduce the risk of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, liver disease, substance abuse etc.
- Health and social services providers should be sensitive and responsive to cultural differences and special needs.
- Ensure the availability of both female and male health care givers.
- Ensure the availability of transportation to medical appointments for elders and people in need.
- Provide translation services for our elders and overall increased services for elders.
- Empower employees to provide quality service with respect, trust, harmony, and confidentiality.
- Increase communication strategy to ensure all Akwesasró:non are aware of the various programs available to obtain optimum health. (i.e. the health benefits of walking, healthy eating).
- Increase usage of tribal website by incorporating more content on health and social services programs and services and maintain current, relevant information.
- Incorporate traditional principles when providing social services including more involvement and support of the extended family.
- Allocate adequate community revenues to support health care and social services in the community where funding gaps exist.

GOVERNANCE

VISION

Our leadership is responsible and accountable to the people. Our leadership is trusted by the people. Our leadership within unique governance systems strives to unify our Nation by respecting our traditional values, and working together to build a strong, viable, independent Nation.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

Although virtually all respondents identified “active participation” in governance as either important (17%) or very important (77%), about 60% said that they never or rarely attended council meetings.

Respondents were asked to prioritize select leadership initiatives. Respondents gave the highest priority to initiatives that bring together the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs on as many community issues as possible. Also, the desire for more transparency in governance was evident in the high priority given to community consultation on any partnership agreements with outside entities and the use of the referendum process when making financial decisions involving a certain amount of community money.

Respondents also placed a high priority on government initiatives focusing on land claims and land use regulations. The theme of unity was predominant in responses and feedback concerning the vision for the future of governance in Akwesasne. Integrating improved accountability and transparency by governments was also given high priority.

Initiatives focusing on consolidating government services were also given high priority, but not as high as those mentioned above. Many expressed support for a one government system while the notion of existing governance structures working together to strive for a better future for the community was also frequently suggested and considered very important.

Open ended question results from the survey suggest that although people feel that it is very important for community members to actively participate and provide direction to leadership, they also believe that leadership doesn't respect the input that members contribute. A high priority was expressed on the need for more people to participate to provide direction, feedback, and input on community issues. Participants believe

it to be very important to receive communication, be consulted, and be afforded the opportunity to provide feedback on significant issues affecting the whole community and for any major financial decisions.

Basing our governance systems more in line with traditional governance or making the Mohawk Nation Council the main governing body with SRMT and MCA as administrators was also favorable.

GOALS

1. Create a Community Governance Protocol for the existing governing bodies defining a cooperative approach to strengthen the sense of unity as one Nation working toward common goals.
2. Prioritize land claims and consistently communicate progress.
3. Akwesasró:non demonstrate consistent and growing community participation by providing feedback and direction to leadership through a range of practical and effective means.
4. Leadership and administration institute systematic approach to build confidence and trust of Akwesasró:non in governance accountability and transparency

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Initiate a tri-council protocol for collaboration on important community issues. Make it an Akwesasró:non initiative by involving the community in the Protocol development.
- Build the tri-council protocol on current initiatives of tri-council issues i.e. border issues, land claims, cultural tourism strategy.
- Provide information on the status of the land claims and plan strategically to move the land claim agenda forward with frequent community updates.
- Communicate and consult with community for support on the land claims strategic plan.
- Consistently communicate efforts and positive steps achieved on land claims.
- Develop short 2-3 question monthly or quarterly surveys posted on the website (member access only) key issues to

elicit community feedback. Those without web access can participate in paper format; questions can be included in monthly newsletter.

- Develop a report card of how members rate the effectiveness of leadership and membership input on key performance areas; this could also be made available to member access only on the website.
- Change the 'advisory only' approach for community meetings in order to provide validation of community input into issues brought forth to the community.
- Leadership should attend community gatherings on a regular basis to get out and promote input from membership.
- Leadership consistently attends at public meetings hosted at various community locations and/or hosted by various community groups and organizations – promoting input from membership and providing current information.
- Implement live broadcast of regular and special tribal meetings. An example of this approach is with the Pine Ridge Tribe who regularly broadcast not only community meetings but regular Council meeting through KILI-FM their local radio station; this could be implemented expeditiously on CKON-FM.
- Departments communicate strategic plan, annual work-plans and reports, financial reports and accomplishments; summarized reports can be included in newsletters and on the website.
- Formulate policies/regulations for spending community dollars – define parameters for threshold amounts and purposes that require community consultation prior to finalizing contracts or agreements.
- Provide summaries of agreements in principle and final agreements in plain language to make things easier for people to understand.

JUSTICE

VISION

Our Justice system to be for our people and by our people. A court that provides all services and adjudicates all issues built upon Mohawk traditional values and culture with elder and clan mother councils, restorative and circle justice elements integrated. Our own community laws are developed, supported by the community, and adjudicated by the court. Enforcement of the law is strong.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

The common theme that emerged was for the court to provide the same services, hear all issues, and resembles other courts outside the community but also stressed the importance to incorporate traditional elements. Support was indicated that the court should be staffed by Mohawk people including judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and Native interpreters. Development of community laws concerning civil, land, and family issues is also considered very important for the Tribal/Mohawk court to adjudicate. Support was indicated to institute justice councils for alternative dispute resolution including traditional practices with elder/clan mother community members' involvement. Also supported is the provision of information, workshops, counseling services, and rehabilitation to assist community members to understand their options and/or to prevent situations (such as youth offences) from worsening. Strengthening enforcement of laws and penalties was also considered by respondents to be very important.

GOALS

1. Ensure integration of Mohawk traditional values and cultural principles within the justice system.
2. Family court and civil court systems developed and implemented.
3. Prioritize development, enactment and implementation of tribal laws and ordinances.
4. Ensure strong and consistent enforcement standards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A review and analysis of progress made in the justice system as it is today.

- A review and analysis of best practices of the Akwesasne Mohawk Court and justice systems as well as other Native justice systems could be used as a model.
- A long-term strategic plan be developed including a determination short, medium and long term requirements for the formal development and implementation of an Akwesasne tailored justice system.
- A cross section of community members from various sectors including political, social, and individuals to be involved and represented in the development process of the justice system. Regular reporting to the community in respect of progress of the development of our justice system.
- Ensure that Mohawk traditional values and cultural principles are key features in all aspects of our justice system.

ECONOMY

VISION

Create a balanced, planned, and sustainable economy on our terms respecting our traditional and cultural values. A variety of economic opportunities exist in Akwesasne providing all Akwesasró:non with the means to support themselves and thrive within our community. Our community is economically empowered and independent with the means to provide its members with quality services including housing, healthcare, and education.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

The survey found that Akwesasró:non meet their shopping and service needs across a wide variety of locations. While respondents typically identified multiple locations to meet each of their shopping and service needs, they tended to favor Akwesasne for their gasoline, home heating fuel, plumbing and electrical services, art, car repair as well as their insurance, accounting and legal services.

They were more inclined to shop for their major appliances, office supplies, house wares, gifts and music in Massena. They were also more likely to do their banking, get their hair styled and buy their food including both organic and fast food in Massena as well. It is clear that the Massena economy is significantly dependent on Mohawk consumers. Furniture purchases and night at the movies however were most likely to be done in Cornwall. Although cars and trucks were typically purchased in either Massena or Cornwall, a significant number of respondents listed more distant locations for such purchases. Respondents also identified larger selections and more stores as the reasons for shopping outside of Akwesasne. These results indicate that the people of Akwesasne make significant economic contributions to surrounding communities by purchasing a large part of goods and services outside of Akwesasne.

Respondents were also asked to prioritize initiatives that have been identified by community members to improve the Akwesasne economy. Although there was support for virtually all the initiatives, respondents gave the highest to improving Akwesasne image and energy based initiatives. For example, respondents were strongly supportive of research and development of alternative energy sources, a community utility company and passing fuel/gas tax savings onto the community. Respondents also prioritized increased access to financial services such as business loans, mortgage loans and other

banking services. Security initiatives, Infrastructure improvements and improving the overall cleanliness of the area were also highly prioritized.

Consistent with early observations, when respondents were asked to rate the appropriateness of select future business and commercial development strategies, they identified attracting health industries, developing arts and cultural tourism and independently owned businesses are most appropriate. Conversely, attracting national franchises, large retailers and expanding gaming enterprises were more likely to be rated as not appropriate.

Feedback from written responses and discussions with members indicated that local employment development with higher quality, well paying jobs is considered a high priority. Diversification of the economy and self-sufficiency was stressed as a priority. Less reliance on cigarette industry, smuggling, and casino is desirable. Alternative energy and tourism sectors were indicated as favorable for economic and business development.

A wider variety of retail store selection and comparable prices, a bank, and recreational type businesses are considered very important to reduce the need for shopping and services outside of Akwesasne. Respondents prioritized maintaining the uniqueness of Akwesasne by prohibiting large scale commercial businesses in favor of supporting more family oriented businesses, recreational businesses such as Movie Theater and bowling alley, smaller retail stores and marketplaces that satisfy community members' needs. A centralized commercial location with businesses in general located along route 37 instead of near residences was considered favorable.

Strong views were also expressed that tribal enterprises should not compete with privately owned businesses and new business opportunities should be made available to privately owned enterprise and entrepreneurs first before decisions made and implemented for the business to become a tribal enterprise.

Recreation facility initiatives that were given the highest priority by respondents included parks, athletic fields and bicycle paths. Outdoor activities such as fishing and hiking trails were given high priority. Little to no priority was given to expensive ventures such as water parks, theme parks, golf courses and tennis courts.

GOALS

1. Develop and implement an Economic Strategy building on community priorities, sustainability, and long term economic well-being of Akwesasró:non.
2. Minimize economic leakage.
3. Achieve independence from outside governments and funding by economic diversification and creation of a strong economic base.
4. Develop cultural and recreational tourism.
5. Create opportunities for commercial/business development to increase quality jobs for Akwesasró:non.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop a community Economic Strategy aligned with community priorities for increasing quality job creation; economic diversification; alternative energy industry (low cost production and possibly manufacturing), and cultural/recreational tourism.
- Plan for balance, private enterprise/tribal enterprise, independent business, mixed with some franchise opportunities.
- Develop and implement buy-local campaign and communication strategy; focus on increasing purchasing from existing businesses.
- Identify specific businesses that can be started to minimize economic leakage as potential private entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Improve pricing competitiveness of the IGA to increase community spending for food needs in the community.
- Examine the potential to implement a sustainable community food model⁴ integrated with IGA to purchase and re-sell locally produced meat and produce. This model incorporates community grown foods, food preparation, food preservation, farmers' market, and garden center with the community food store as its hub - to provide a lower cost, higher nutrition quality supply of locally grown food to the community.

⁴ 2009, Food Security and Sustainability for Akwesasne Model

- Economic development departments work with local organizations (Kanenhi:io Ionkwaienthonhákie, Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment Inc., and/or others) to develop cooperative/business agricultural initiatives.
- Examine the potential to reconfigure the existing IGA building to efficiently utilize the space (i.e. Eliminate unprofitable areas, incorporate other types retail stores that could lease space and provide other needed goods for the community and surrounding areas).
- Designate and develop commercial area(s) along route 37; the IGA property is recommended as a concentrated area for commercial development. Mixed use for commercial and residential use of IGA property is considered favorable if residential can be segregated adequately on the property.
- Formulate detailed plan for multi-function use of IGA property integrating sustainable development including planned housing development and retail commercial area surrounding IGA building; Prioritize land into trust for tax exempt status.
- Develop and implement civil and commercial laws to sustain business development and economic diversification.
- Leadership should never allow outside governments to impose taxation on Mohawk businesses.
- Improve the physical image of Akwesasne; clean and beautify, set guidelines for attractiveness of commercial buildings and signage; strongly encourage homeowners along route 37 to eliminate trash and junk and to maintain clean properties (institute regulations if necessary).
- Improve outsider perceptions of Akwesasne by promoting all that is positive about our people and our community.
- Implement the Cultural Tourism Strategy.
- Create culturally significant identifying landmarks with attractive landscaping to identify “gateway” upon entering the Territory.
- Support development of a non-government organization (NGO) community development financial institution providing commercial financing.

- Ensure that private business/entrepreneurs are provided access to opportunities that are feasible for private business prior to being taken on as tribal enterprise.
- Develop youth entrepreneur programs, youth entrepreneur annual contest, incentive awards for best youth entrepreneur of Akwesasne – to spark entrepreneurial creativity and potential business successes for the future.
- Pursue partnership to initiate a community financial institution (Bank branch or credit union) for consumer and business banking.
- Research and study the feasibility of various retail operations that could provide needed/wanted goods to community members as well as attract neighboring people to shop in Akwesasne – potential opportunities can be implemented by individuals and or partnerships.
- Develop and adopt policies and regulations to prioritize development of alternative green energy industry, and of alternative lower cost energy for the community;
- Leadership should focus on land claims and assert jurisdiction over resources available for energy production including the St. Lawrence River and New York Power Authority site.
- Research and study the feasibility of various alternative energy and industries that use new technologies or recycled materials to increase sustainable employment. Possibilities for private business, tribal enterprise, and private/tribal partnerships.
- Study the feasibility of acquiring the General Motors site and manufacturing facility [provided it is environmentally cleaned prior] for development of a manufacturing operation to produce clean energy and energy efficiency components or end products such as wind turbine components.
- Plan development of an incubator commercial center for Akwesasne entrepreneurs. Provide commercial space with reasonable rents, shared overhead costs, copiers/fax, and reception services.
- Integrate Kanien'ké:ha signage in commercial areas and promote use of our language in business/public areas.

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

VISION

Our land traditional land base to be reclaimed. Housing is plentiful in planned neighborhoods and people are proud of their clean community showing respect for mother earth in their daily lives. Commercial areas are located in separate areas and businesses are environmentally responsible. Our homes and businesses are largely powered by alternative clean energy produced locally. Many outdoor recreational activities are enjoyed by Akwesasró:non including fishing in clean rivers, hunting, camping, hiking, and peaceful park areas.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

Respondents were given a list of land use/environmental concerns and asked to assess the magnitude of the problem. Although all of the issues were seen as problematic to some degree, community aesthetics were identified as “big problems.” For example, the majority of respondents identified “litter along roadside” “unsightly junk in yards” and “community beautification” as big problems. The condition of roadways and increasing traffic volume as well as the related issues of rapid population growth and the lack of planning for residential development were all seeing as significant* problems. [*at least 75 percent ranked it as either a “medium” or “big” problem”]

Consistent with Mohawk support for environmental sustainability, a significant majority of respondents give high land use planning priorities to alternative energy development, recycling, enforcing pollution controls, and the preservation of wetlands and woodlands. The majority also give high priority to land use planning and land use regulations for different types of functions. And, finally, when asked to identify how adequate select services for meeting community needs, the large majority of respondents (over 75%) identified road maintenance, public transportation, environmental education, recycling programs and water lines as “more needed” or “much more needed.”

Qualitative responses were overall supportive of quantitative results in placing a high priority for housing development and planned neighborhoods, land use planning with designated commercial areas, mandatory recycling, clean environmental damage, clean litter along roads and clean-up yards, protect the environment, promote community responsibility for the environment, alternative energy use, agricultural initiatives for

healthy foods, recreational availability, promote recreation and tourism, and focus on land claims. The feedback on open ended results shows more favorable preference to preserve the rural character of Akwesasne.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Prioritize land claims.
2. Implement defined commercial and residential designated areas where possible with the current land base and expand once land claim is successful.
3. Increase promotion of environmental responsibility and education programs based on traditional values of respect.
4. Research and develop a feasible option to provide an alternative energy supply for community use.
5. Promote tourism opportunities.
6. Incorporate community outdoor recreational development in land use plan; hiking trails, walking paths, and community green spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inform the community on current land claim status; Develop a Land Claim plan with community inclusion – i.e. community land claim task force with tri-council advisory participation (aligned with proposed tri-council protocol).
- Develop community land use plan that defines areas for commercial and residential development; approved by community.
- Incorporate connectedness of people with central locations for facilities and outdoor areas for people to meet informally.
- Balance property rights with community interests. Environment and community cleanliness - strengthen regulations/community laws; increase seriousness of consequences, follow through with enforcement including restitution and community service.
- Prepare landscape guidelines for new development to enhance the existing environment.
- Economic Development and Environment SRMT and MCA along with community organizations collaborate for entire community to develop a viable alternative energy option

to provide the entire community with an alternative supply for energy.

- Implement the Cultural Tourism Strategy.
- Community outdoor recreation development incorporated into land use plan, green spaces, walking paths, bicycle paths, hiking trails.
- Support local agricultural initiatives promoting organic foods and livestock for community consumption and commercial production.

OUR YOUTH

VISION

Akwesasne is a clean and healthy community with educational and economic opportunity enabling youth the freedom to choose to live and prosper in their own community. Our youth have many recreational, social, and sporting options available to maintain healthy lifestyles.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

The ideal vision of the Youth of Akwesasne is to be drug-free, sober, and free from the stigma that the “smuggling trade” has brought to Akwesasne. The youth want to see a clean community to call home.

They want youth leadership and community leadership who will make a difference. Youth want to see a unified government and community.

Results from our youth surveys show that the arena is used extensively by children and youth. Three out of four youth reported using the facility at some time. School summer facilities, summer programs sport service and health fitness programs were also very popular among youth. Conversely, cultural programs including art and dance were used by about one in four youth and swimming programs and the community hall were used even less frequently. It is not clear whether these latter programs were infrequently used because of a lack of interest or a lack of availability.

Sports are important to our youth, not only to play locally but at a national level. Youth would like to see more opportunities for swimming pools, sports fields, arenas, gyms, more sports programs, etc. There are several young men who want to play in the NFL.

Education is also very important to the youth. In addition to having opportunities to learn our language outside of school, the youth want their education to include language and cultural curriculum. Education would also give them the opportunity to explore the world.

Our youth would also like to see parents be more involved in their lives, as being uninvolved leads to a variety of problems in the future.

GOALS

1. Youth have a wide variety of opportunities available to participate in learning Kanien'kéha:ka language, culture and traditions.
2. Opportunities are available quality academic and vocational education, and quality employment in diverse fields.
3. Youth are a part of positive and healthy lifestyles, live in a clean community and a healthy environment, and are proud of their community.
4. Youth have a place just for them to socialize and participate in youth oriented activities, more recreational venues and variety of programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide extensive opportunities for the realization of the academic, vocational, athletic, performing arts, employment, self-employment, and other plans and desires for our youth.
- Ensure that our youth have consistent and accessible means to participate in Kanien'kéha:ka language and traditional teaching programs, and interaction with those who have linguistic and cultural knowledge and capacities that can be shared with the youth.
- Encourage the youth to create a youth organization with a mandate to focus on and address youth specific issues; provide fiscal and mentor resources to enable the youth towards the formal creation of their youth organization; provide initial guidance in organizational structures, and governance, mission, goals and objectives but allow the youth to make final decisions.
- Develop and implement leadership role-model programs

- Provide fiscal and other resources for the development and implementation of a Youth Leadership Development Program. The program could be used as a tool to help identify and groom potential youth leadership who may, in turn take leadership control of their youth group. Leadership participants could use the program a spring board to formally enroll community youth participation in the youth organization; a formal organization will provided self-generated opportunities to identify the issues, challenges and barriers face by the youth and allowing them to develop their own strategies and solutions.
- Adults need to listen to our youth; Mohawk Youth need to realize and understand that there is value in what they have to say; change will be effected by extending youth opportunities to take leadership and organizational roles.
- Provide youth with opportunities to participate in some capacity in the governance of the community; on a regular basis Tribal leadership and Youth leadership should meet to discuss issues and needs of the youth; tribal leadership should make a sincere effort to brief youth leaders about current events that may or will have an immediate or future impact on the youth; Youth leaders will then have the opportunity to inform and consult with their peers, respond and have input on possible actions/solutions to their issues.
- Develop intergenerational opportunities to encourage more access to and sharing of traditional knowledge, language and culture. Opportunities to learn Mohawk language and culture needs to be a priority – therefore, the youth and youth organization need to be engaged in community and formal education efforts for the retention, and regeneration of Mohawk language and culture. Community based language and cultural projects should be fluid and flexible to make it fun for youth to want to learn. For further elaboration please refer to the Language and Culture section of this report.
- Implement a role model or “ratiksati:io” program to recognize outstanding youth for volunteerism, talent in sports, academia, performing arts, and leadership.

- While it has been stated that Youth Councils generally do not work or quickly lose momentum, we have to ensure that any program or project is led by dynamic individuals. By keeping youth engaged and mentored the chances for success is more than possible, it is probable. A critical success factor is in ensuring that mentors or individuals who are involved in assisting youth do not take 'control' of the process. Youth, through guidance, must take ownership of their processes.
- Our youth should have a youth oriented facility created just for them. i.e. a youth gathering place that fills the gap between the Boys and Girls Club and Recreation Centers – a place that is safe and supervised with extended hours to serve youth needs; should a facility be constructed, the youth should be involved in the whole process of conceptual design, construction, and ultimately, facility and youth program management.

OUR ELDERS

VISION

The vision of our elders is to have a safe, clean, community that their children and grandchildren can inherit. The quality of life and living in Akwesasne is improved with greater opportunities for life experiences. Our children and grandchildren respect their Totas, one another, their families, other community members, their community and land, and overall appreciate what the creator has provided for all of us.

SUMMARY FINDINGS

Elders shared with us that the lack of education, in turn impacting on their financial situation, was, in part one of the reasons for personal growth challenges. Another significant reason cited for the lack of education was the fear of being disenfranchised. In the early 50's, as part of the government's assimilation policy, an Indian desiring to further their education or enter the military, was required to surrender (disenfranchise) their rights and status as Indians. Consequently individuals were removed from tribal/membership rolls. This policy allowed the government to systematically reduce their fiduciary obligations for Native Americans.

Our elders place a high priority on having our own high school. They stated that until that time that we have our own high school there should be a requirement of cultural sensitivity training for those non-Kanien'kéha:ka who are educating our children.

Elders feel it is important for our children to be comfortable in interacting with the outside community. (But) "This is home, always a place to come back to, but it's getting smaller and smaller". This is the sentiment of many. The land shortage is making it difficult to develop housing for community members. The elders feel that that housing development should be in the land claims areas such as Dundee or Bombay.

The housing that is developed should be well insulated and environmentally safe, affordable homes. Older homes should be renovated and maintained to ensure longevity.

Elders would like to see an improved employment opportunities in Akwesasne to include higher wages and improved hiring practices for our people once they have received additional training. Some feel educational requirements for some jobs are too high, and that life experience and skills should be considered to be of equal value.

Elders see it important to keep alive traditional skills like basket-making and making lacrosse sticks. For many of them this is the way they survived both activities were significant and important elements of our culture and traditional economy.

Many of the elders prefer traditional medicines rather than pharmaceuticals; many feel they are being over-medicated. Our elders tell us they would like health insurance or traditional medicine available and paid for in the same manner as pharmaceuticals. Elders also told us that they have a need to have a Mohawk language speaker with them when seeing a doctor to assist in communications and comprehension of diagnosis and treatment planning. Mohawk language speakers are also needed to assist elders in completing Medicare and/or other applications.

When asked whether community dollars should be used to provide health insurance to all, their response was no, because it is a treaty right which should be honored.

GOALS

1. Develop our own high school in Akwesasne.
2. Alternative and traditional medicines programs are accessible to all Akwesasró:non.
3. Mohawk speakers are employed by clinic/health facilities.
4. Traditional practices such as lacrosse stick or basket making is taught to younger generations.
5. Energy-efficient and environmentally friendly housing is developed and accessible for all Akwesasró:non.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The construction of a high school in our community. In the mean time focus on the language and culture and ensure cultural sensitivity training to non-Kanien'kéha:ka educators of our children.
- Develop and implement alternative and traditional medicines program and this available in the same manner (payment) as contemporary health programs.
- Ensure hiring practices reflect the need for Mohawk speakers being on staff at clinics or health centers to assist elders in the process of interacting with health care professionals and other administrative translation needs.
- Additional lands (in land claim area) to be secured especially for the purposes of environmentally friendly, energy efficient housing for our people.
- That increased access to affordable and eco-friendly housing is made available.
- A review of existing housing stock be conducted identifying older and possibly historic homes. That these homes be restored.
- Kanien'kéha:ka speakers and those achieving the capacity in respect of the workplace functions are recognized with suitable compensation; applying to all program areas.
- Ensure that traditional practices such as basket weaving and traditional lacrosse stick manufacturing are maintained and kept alive and are reflected in cultural and economic institutions. By example, these activities need focus and attention in the cultural and tourism strategy.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

In ancient times the Kanien'kéha:ka people were truly sovereign nations. We were owners of lands and had control over our territories. We maintained sustainable economies. We had our language and our culture and we had a very sophisticated system of government and governance. Simplified, these are key elements of nationhood; ones that we have successfully and tenaciously held on to and exercised over time. It is the reason for our present day ability to interact on a nation-to-nation basis with other Native American Nations, the United States of America and other nations of the world.

Traditionally, our governing structure was and continues to be people based. The words of the people was and continues to be important in giving direction to our leadership on all facets, in varying degrees, of day to day governance of our nations. The very exercise of the "People's Survey" initiative is rooted in consultation with the people; taking the vision of the people, identifying the goals, developing the recommendations and finally our government taking these directions and initiating the necessary actions to develop short, medium and long term strategies to make these directions a reality. This is true governance. It is not simple...it is complex, more so in these contemporary times.

With the election of Barrack Obama, the first black President of the United States, the country embarks on a new and historic political path. President Obama has instilled a hope for renewal and meaningful change. Akwesasne and other Native American Nations are presented with a unique opportunity. An opportunity that we must seize and act upon expeditiously, as time is a factor. In this time of World Economic Crisis – one that has not been seen since the great depression, Native Americans are beneficiaries of a portion of the United States Economic Stimulus initiatives. The Economic Crisis will stabilize – the country is in a state of economic survival, not growth. Stimulus fiscal injections will not continue and become the norm. If we do not act in an expeditiously manner, we will not find ourselves in a better long-term situation.

We have heard much about "Change" in the past year or so. Listen closely we must. President Obama's message was consistent throughout his campaign... "Change comes from the bottom up....not top down." What does this mean for Akwesasne?

It means that our government must take the vision, goals and recommendations stemming from the "People's Survey" and act upon them now. It means that the people of Akwesasne have given an important, valuable, timely and contemporary tool for our government to use. Our government, through the direction of the people in the "People's Survey" have been instructed to assert our sovereignty by taking more control of jurisdictional issues such as education and ensuring that we benefit not only from a short-term 'stimulus package', but, that we also negotiate long-term resource revenue sharing...resources that are extracted from and produced on our territories - territories that we have never surrendered to any external nation or government. Truly, Akwesasne must seize this opportunity - it is our job and our obligation to do so; our obligation to those who have yet to show their faces. President Obama offers Native Americans hope, he does not have the answers, it is up to us, and it is our duty, our responsibility.

The people of Akwesasne have been asked about their vision of a better tomorrow for Akwesasne, and they have spoken. On behalf of Akwesasne, they have given direction to their government to assert our Nation to Nation status with the United States of America and to negotiate a better tomorrow for 'Tahatikonsaketotakie' (Those who have yet to show their faces).

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Nia:wen to our Youth who participated in completing the Youth Survey. We recognize that your opinions are very important to community development; the decisions today will affect your lives and planning must take this into account.

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APPENDIX – A

Summary of “People’s Survey” Quantitative Tabulation

Table 1
Socio-demographic Profile of
of Respondents

Sex	Percent
Female	67.6

Age	
18-24	18.8
25-34	22.4
35-54	44.3
55-64	11.4
65+	3.1

N=	255
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Nation	
Kanienkehaka	95.6
N=	251

Marital Status	
Never Married	33.7
Married	49.2
Divorce/Separated	13.0
Widowed	4.0
N=	252

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 2
Socioeconomic and Human Capital
Characteristics of Respondents
Akwesasne, 2008

Education	Percent
Less than High School	11.6
High School Diploma only	29.6
College, Tech, Associate deg	33.2
Vocational	3.6
Bachelors Degree	10.4
Masters Degree	7.6
Doctorate	0.4
Other	3.6
N=	250
Employment	
Full time	69.0
Part time	13.7
Homemaker	2.4
Unemployed	10.1
Retired	4.8
N=	248
Business Ownership	
Self Employed	11.2
N=	241
Occupation	
Professional	7.6
Office, Staff, Administration	17.1
Manager/Director	10.5
Sales, Marketing	4.8
Construction/Trades	7.1
Manufacturing	16.7
Gov't Public Service	19.6
Artist, Craftperson	1.0
Other	15.2
N=	210
Income	
Less than 10,000	13.0
11,000-20,000	17.6
21,000-40,000	32.8
41,000-70,000	19.7
71,000-90,000	7.6
90,000+	9.2
N=	238

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 3A
Obstacles to Completion of Education Goals
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Were there any obstacles that prevented you from reaching your desired level of education?

Obstacles	Percent
Financial Constraints	19.8
Employment Obligations	17.0
Family Obligations	26.9
Lack of Access	5.2
Lack of Time	5.7
Other	9.4
Multiple	16.0
N=	212

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 3B
Priorities for Future Education Initiatives
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

What is your level of priority for future development of the following educational opportunities in Akwesasne?

Education Views	Percent	
Level of Priority for Future Development	High Priority*	Mean Score*
More Vocational	67.8	3.63
Own High School	58.0	3.50
Own Commty College	44.5	3.12
Own University	33.8	2.67

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority(3) and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 4
Residence and Housing
Characteristics of Respondents
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Place of Residence

Akwesasne	87.5
Land Claim Area	5.4
Other	6.9
N=	258

Type of Housing

Single Family Dwelling	74.8
Apartment Building	9.8
Mobile Home	8.7
Duplex	0.8
Other	5.1
N=	254

Tenure

owner	68.5
N=	254

Household Size

Avg No. of Adults	2.31
Avg No. of Children	0.97
Avg Household Size	3.28
N=	255

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 5
Attitudes on Current Housing Needs in Akwesasne
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

*How much more of the following types of housing
would you like to see in Akwesasne?:*

	Percent*	mean	
Housing Needs	More	score*	N
Energy Efficient Housing	63.4	3.53	238
Single Family housing	48.4	3.33	246
Retirement Housing	36.2	3.12	235
Assisted Living	36.2	3.12	229
Low Income Housing	35.5	3.03	231
Apartment Buildings	26.3	2.81	228
PreFab Housing	24.4	2.76	217
Mobile Homes	7.8	1.73	206

**respondents were given four response options: Less(1), Same (2)
More (3) and Much More (4) and all responses were given numerical
values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 5B
Priorities Regarding Future Housing Needs
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Indicate your priority for future housing initiatives:

Future Housing	Percent High Priority	mean score*	N
Access to community revenue be used for development of environmentally friendly housing	66.9	3.61	245
Access to loans (mortgages) for you or your family members to build a home in Akwesasne	67.1	3.55	246
Support community revenue to be used to purchase lands for housing development within Akwesasne	53.3	3.41	246
Support community revenue to be used to purchase lands for housing development within Akwesasne land claims area	55.1	3.36	243
Keep housing development separate from business, commercial development	39.0	3.13	246
Support community revenue to be used to purchase lands for housing development outside Akwesasne	26.4	2.54	242

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 6
Location of and Satisfaction with Medical and Social
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Where do you go for the following medical services:

Location	Clinic Physician	Dentist	Eye Care	Pharmacy	Hospital	Specialists	Mental Health
Akwesasne	67.7	56.0	71.1	69.2	3.0	8.5	76.3
Cornwall	6.8	25.3	13.8	9.3	50.2	36.8	10.0
Malone	0.8	2.1	2.5	1.3	12.2	6.5	0.8
Massena	1.6	3.7	4.2	2.5	17.3	8.5	0.8
Other	1.6	5.4	5.0	0.8	3.0	21.4	7.7
Multiple	21.5	7.5	3.3	16.9	14.3	18.4	3.8
N	251	241	239	237	237	201	130

Indicate your satisfaction with the health services you currently utilize:

Satisfaction Measures

% Satisfied+Very Satisfied*	81.6	73.2	86.6	94.2	75.8	84.1	85.5
Mean Satisfaction*	2.08	2.03	2.29	2.4	1.96	2.00	2.11

**respondents were given three response options: Not Satisfied (1) Satisfied (2) Very Satisfied (3); all responses were given numerical values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 7
Level of Satisfaction with Social and Health Services
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

*Indicate your satisfaction with the following
Akwesasne social & health services:*

Service	Percent Satisfied**	Mean Satisfaction*	N
Alcohol	74.0	3.12	208
Child day care	67.4	2.91	218
Senior Services	70.3	2.87	219
Family Counseling	65.3	2.78	216
Child Abuse services	63.7	2.76	215
Family Planning	65.3	2.74	213
Drug Abuse services	59.5	2.67	215
Elder Home Care	59.4	2.67	219
Domestic Violence Service	60.0	2.60	210
Traditional Healing	55.5	2.48	220
Marriage Counseling	54.6	2.46	196
Disabled Services	51.4	2.41	210
Youth Services	45.9	2.33	220
Gambling Addition	48.0	2.32	200
Homeless Services	35.0	2.14	200

**respondents were given five response options: More Needed (1), Not Satisfied (2), Satisfied (3) Meeting Needs (4) and Very Satisfied (5). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

*** Combined scores for meeting needs, satisfied and very satisfied*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 8
Important Social Issues Concerning
Youth
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

What are the youth social issues that concern you the most in Akwesasne?

Youth Issue	Percent Concerned	N
Drug Substance Abuse	90.8	251
Youth Alcohol Abuse	78.1	251
Uninvolved Parents	75.7	251
Illegal Activities	74.1	251
Teen Pregnancy	68.1	251
Abusive Relationships	64.9	251

**Respondents were asked to check all that apply. Checked Responses were coded as 1, unchecked responses were coded as 0.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 9
Level of Fluency with Mohawk Language
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

What is the level of your Mohawk language skills

Fluency	Percent
Don't Understand	32.7
NonSpeaker, understands	45.9
Moderate Speaker	14.3
Fluent	6.9
N=	244

*If others in your household are Mohawk speakers,
please list their ages*

Average Age of Fluent Household		
Member	Avg. Age	N
Person 1	45.8	101
Person 2	30.5	31
Person 3	22.1	8
Person 4	32.7	3

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 10
Attitudes on Mohawk Culture and Language
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Indicate your views on the priority of Mohawk language and culture for the future

	Percent High Priority	Mean Priority*
Keeping the Mohawk language alive	90.7	2.91
Increase opportunities for learning language and cultural practices	86.5	2.85
Maintaining cultural traditions and practices alive and vibrant	85.3	2.85
Increasing Mohawk language and culture teaching in schools where our children attend both within the community and outside	84.5	2.82

**respondents were given three response options: Low Priority (1) Medium Priority (2) and High Priority (3). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 11
Political Attitudes and Participation
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

*How important is active participation of
of community members to providing
direction in community leadership?:*

Importance of participation	Percent
Not Important	1.2
Somewhat Important	4.6
Important	17.0
Very Important	77.2
N	241

Do you attend Council Meeting?:

Attendance Level	
Never	39.5
Rarely	19.7
Sometimes	33.2
Issue Specific	7.6
N	238

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 12
Priorities for Leadership on Select Initiatives
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Please indicate your priority for leadership to focus on the following initiatives for the future development of governance structures in the community:

	% High	Mean	
Leadership should focus attention on:	Priority	Score*	N
SRMT, MCA, and MNCC strive to work together on as many community issues as possible	74.1	3.65	243
Community consultation before any partnership agreements with outside entities	68.8	3.59	237
Focus on Land Claims	65.9	3.55	246
Work toward a single community government into the future	51.8	3.27	245
Utilize referendum process for financial decisions over a certain amount of community money.	50.6	3.36	239
Develop and implement Land use regulations	49.6	3.33	240
SRMT, MCA, and MNCC reduce duplication of services as much as possible	38.8	3.13	232

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Table 13
Usual Location of Shopping and Services By Type
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Where do you usually go to buy or access the following items and service:

Service	Akwesasne	Cornwall	Massena	Malone	Other	Multiple	N
Food shopping	18.3	7.9	39.3	1.6	0.0	32.9	252
Restaurant	22.4	16.0	13.2	0.4	3.2	44.4	250
Cars/Trucks	5.4	22.3	25.2	3.3	24.0	19.8	242
Major Appliances	1.6	24.6	51.2	0.0	4.1	18.4	244
Furniture	2.0	35.6	31.2	1.6	6.1	23.5	247
Gasoline	75.3	2.4	7.6	0.0	0.4	14.3	251
Home Heating fuel	81.6	4.7	2.6	3.4	4.3	3.4	234
Housewares	4.4	12.5	48.0	0.8	3.6	30.6	248
Gifts	9.2	6.8	36.4	0.0	3.2	44.4	250
Fast Food	10.5	15.7	32.2	0.0	0.4	40.5	242
Movies	3.8	32.9	25.6	0.0	2.1	35.5	234
Video Rental	31.8	21.9	23.4	0.5	6.2	16.1	192
Art	47.1	4.7	14.1	1.0	18.3	14.7	191
Music	9.9	10.8	34.9	0.5	13.7	30.2	212
Car/Truck Repair	24.5	18.5	17.8	1.2	9.3	28.6	249
Electric/Plumbing	62.6	5.9	8.8	0.0	4.6	18.1	238
Legal/Acct Service	31.7	18.3	22.0	5.5	7.8	14.7	218
Insurance	30.9	20.6	21.8	2.9	14.4	9.5	243
Banking	14.5	14.5	37.9	0.0	4.0	29.0	248
Hair Styling	22.0	22.4	31.7	1.2	6.1	16.7	246
Office Supplies	10.6	14.9	48.5	0.9	2.6	22.4	228
Organic Foods	15.2	12.6	33.8	1.5	9.1	27.8	198

Source: CCDP Peoples
Survey

Table 14
Reasons for using services outside Akwesasne
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

*When you go outside the community of Akwesasne for goods or services,
how often do you go for these reasons*

Reasons	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	Mean*	N
Better Service	8.5	51.7	27.5	12.3	2.44	236
Higher Quality	3.8	43.7	36.1	16.4	2.65	238
Larger Selection	0.4	14.9	43.8	40.9	3.25	242
Lower Prices	3.8	25.7	40.1	30.4	2.97	237
More stores/services	1.6	16.0	41.6	40.7	3.21	243
Closer to home	31.8	32.3	24.0	12.0	2.16	217
Stop to or from work	30.0	40.8	23.5	5.6	2.05	213
Close to other activities	6.4	43.8	34.7	15.1	2.58	219

** Based on a scale from 1(Never) to 4 (Always)*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 15
Opinions on Improving the Economy of Akwesasne
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

In your opinion, what are the most important things that could be done improve the economy of the Akwesasne community?

Initiative	%High Priority	Mean Priority	N
Improve Image	73.0	3.67	244
Research and Develop Alternative energy sources	69.9	3.65	246
Community Utility company	65.1	3.60	241
Gas/Fuel tax savings passed onto Community	67.1	3.57	240
Improve Cleanliness	62.4	3.56	242
Improve roads and bridges	63.8	3.54	246
Access to business loans	56.6	3.46	242
Banking services on Akwesasne	59.8	3.45	244
Improve feeling of security	55.7	3.44	244
Access to mortgage loans	56.1	3.43	244
Diversification of economy	48.3	3.29	234
Community telecommunications company	48.8	3.27	244
Create alternative commercial agricultural venture	46.1	3.25	241
Improve customer service	42.8	3.23	243
Improve Law Enforcement	46.6	3.20	239
Create viable means for Contractor bonding in Akwesasne	33.6	3.10	230
Create and promote cultural tourism facility	35.4	3.08	246
Create "town center" by revitalizing hoganberg area	33.8	3.04	241
Develop large scale community owned businesses	32.2	3.04	242
Develop Centralized Shopping Areas	25.2	3.02	239
Create Unified buy local policies	32.8	3.00	232
Use community money to provide commercial buildings	28.4	2.79	236
Privitize more community services	23.4	2.78	235

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 16
Priority Level for for recreation and Recreational Initiatives
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Please indicate your priorities for the following kinds of recreation and recreational facilities in Akwesasne:

Program/Facility	Percent High Priority*	Mean Priority*	N
Athletic fields	59.4	3.52	251
Parks	52.8	3.42	250
Bicycle paths	50.0	3.36	246
Fishing	41.0	3.16	244
Hiking trails	38.0	3.13	245
Movie Theater	38.6	3.00	249
Boating	30.5	2.98	246
Family Entertainment Complex	37.1	2.97	245
Campgrounds	32.9	2.94	252
Bowling	26.4	2.75	246
Water Park Facility	30.0	2.73	247
Golf Course	31.0	2.71	248
Tennis	19.0	2.44	242
Large Theme Park	17.1	2.15	246

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 17
Opinions on Appropriateness of Business/Development Initiatives
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Which businesses/development are appropriate for Akwesasne:

	% Very Appropriate	Mean Approp*	N
Business and Commercial Development			
Attract health industry	48.3	2.44	236
Develop Arts and Culture Tourism	48.1	2.42	231
Develop independently owned businesses	44.9	2.40	236
Develop recreational tourism	36.8	2.26	234
Promote economic self sufficiency	34.5	2.19	236
Develop commercial business center	26.8	2.17	237
Attract national franchises	23.6	1.97	232
Attract large retailers (eg. Wal*Mart)	24.2	1.87	231
Expand Gaming enterprises	13.9	1.71	233

**respondents were given three response options: Not Appropriate (1)
Appropriate (2) and Very Appropriate. All responses were given numerical
values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 18**Opinions on Best Use of Land Around IGA
Akwesasne Residents, 2008**

*What is the best Use for the land surrounding the
IGA?*

Land Use Options	percent
Commercial	24.3
Residential	13.0
Recreational	9.6
Community Buildings	4.6
Agriculture	3.8
Other	4.2
Multifunction	40.6
N	239

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 19**Attitudes on current Land Use and Environmental Issues
Akwasasne Adults, 2008**

Listed below are some issues that have been identified by some community members as current land use or environmental problems, how much of a problem do you feel there are?:

Issue	Percent	Mean	N
	Big Problem*	Score*	
Litter along roadside	74.3	3.65	245
Unsightly junk in yards	66.0	3.54	247
Community Beautification	60.3	3.50	236
Lack of planning for residential development	48.1	3.34	239
High traffic volume	40.9	3.21	242
Rapid Population Growth	38.4	3.12	242
Roads are deteriorating	38.1	3.11	242
Commerical Operations located near residences	36.4	3.07	242
Loss of property tied to poor drainage	37.7	3.01	236
Lack of Right of Way access for new roads	31.9	3.00	229
Loss of Rural Character	21.8	2.79	234

**respondents were given four response options: Not a Problem(1)*

Small problem (2), Medium Problem (3) and Big problem (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 20
Attitudes on Land Use Priorities
Akwesasne Adults, 2008

Please indicate your priorities on the following Land Use:

	% High Priority	Mean Score*	N
Alternative Energy Development	78.2	3.73	239
Recycling	71.7	3.68	240
Enforcing Pollution controls	68.9	3.64	241
Land owners rights	60.5	3.56	238
Preserving wetlands and woodlands	60.7	3.53	239
Planning land use	57.7	3.49	234
Land use Regulations for different types of functions	54.0	3.43	235
Parks and outdoor recreation	48.8	3.34	242
Planning and controlling development	35.7	3.28	230
Promoting development	33.9	3.16	236
Promoting Tourism	25.9	2.84	239

**respondents were given four response options: No Priority(1), Low Priority (2), Medium Priority and High Priority (4). All responses were assigned values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

Table 21
Meeting Community Needs

Please indicate your opinion for the community needs for the following services:

	% Much More Needed	Mean Need Score*	N
Road Maintenance	53.3	2.45	244
Public Transportation	50.4	2.40	234
Environmental Education	44.6	2.33	242
Community Recycling Program	51.9	2.33	243
Public Sewage systems	40.1	2.24	237
Water Lines	37.3	2.10	236
Trash Collection	34.7	2.01	242
Additional Roads	30.4	2.01	237
Law Enforcement	33.1	1.94	236
Fire Protection	25.1	1.81	240

**respondents were given three response options: Adequate (1) More Needed (2) Much more needed (3); all responses were given numerical values shown here in parentheses.*

Source: CCDP Peoples Survey

APPENDIX - B

Summary of “People’s Survey” Open Ended Question Responses

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of education in Akwesasne.</i>
1	Opportunities for everyone wherever they want to go.
2	Hopefully higher high school completion rate.
3	I'd like to see AFS go to high school and up to university with an apprentice program for youth with elders and opportunities for students to go to school/college here.
4	My vision is to see our own community college.
5	Community control of education.
6	community control of education and Mohawk immersion is mandatory for k-12.
7	Easy access for all districts.
8	Mohawk Immersion K-12 mandatory.
9	Akwesasne has its own high school and college.
10	Where most students complete high school and go on to college.
11	Good educational foundation
12	More focus on elementary children needs (preschool as well)
13	Administration problems with discipline I do not and will not let my children attend Akwesasne administered education. Problems @ current 7/8 Iohahiio treats students like kids.
14	Independent, cultural, diversity, more dollars
15	See more youth go on to college.
16	Better curriculum for schools, more financial funding.
17	Emphasis on recovery and abstinence from alcohol, drugs, prescription. SRMT/MCA work with MNCC effectively to reorganize funding, programs and laws and etc. etc. etc.
18	I think that the homogenous grouping of our people pertaining to education creates narrow-minded views and opinions . The educational experience is amplified by diversity.
19	Good education, good health services.
20	Better schooling.
21	Need more trained educators.
22	More people need to be involved with school boards.
23	Drug free - well, highly educated.
24	Own schools would be nice.
25	For our children to be proud of who they are. and have as many resources available to them as possible.
26	For a Mohawk fluency high school on the Akwesasne area.
27	Less white government/history oriented.
28	More of our own cultural activities and language to be included in our own school education structures.
29	There needs to be more vocational training for people that cannot or are not interested in college. Promoting positive attitudes for education.
30	The elementary and high school will have creative excellent teachers, culture is integrated into schools, each school has a culture teacher, Mohawk language is a priority. Akwesasne Freedom School receives funds to grow and foster/promote Mohawk language.
31	High school is a possibility but we don't really need the segregation.
32	More job opportunities.
33	For the students to graduate high school with a sense of purpose in life to continue their education.

34	We need to higher our standard of education and stop just getting the bare minimum
35	Fully paid, funded, education for all who are accepted to University
36	Well educated, disciplined Akwesasronon
37	Our own high school, with Mohawk immersion optional.
38	Highly skilled trades people available in community.
39	Mohawk teachers, language immersion, college and high school with teaching of culture along with regular curriculum.
40	I feel students need to be exposed to the outside world.
41	All Native children receive all the help they need for education.
42	Education isn't the problem, parents not raising children properly is.
43	More vocational training facilities.
44	Easy access and financial support at adequate levels for students with or without children to survive.
45	More and better.
46	Seeing a high school run by our community for our children.
47	Good education.
48	Free education at all levels no matter where you go.
49	It would be good (essential) to get the young people exited about their future and education.
50	Free education.
51	To see my children attend a school where there are no racial standards (Salmon).
52	Fully paid college fund for any one living in Akwesasne.
53	2 separate schools traditional teaching and scholastic.
54	Everybody is educated and is all working.
55	Financial aid for all Akwesasne tribal members on reserve or residing off reserve.
56	Stressing the importance of an education to today's/tomorrows youth versus the fast cash doesn't last, employment opportunities around.
57	Mohawks teaching Mohawks.
58	To be more understanding of family situations. For the Board of Ed. to be more understanding and change some of their policies. for example making students wait for the cherubs until they get their marks. Also be more encouraging about where students want to go to school.
59	Education priority to be ready for further higher education.
60	We have our own vocational school and it would be nice to have our own university.
61	Technical and vocational training should be prioritized so that we can work in/out of Akwesasne.
62	There should be more outreach for children. Programs that reward children for their success.
63	More kids introduced to and take advantage of Syracuse University's free education programs.
64	Better teachers, more funding for children.
65	Everyone has some sort of college/university degree or technical training. Akwesasne needs better education so we can be a self-sufficient community!
66	Students being able to attain their full education here in Akwesasne.
67	Education about health and diet earlier in years as well as drug and alcohol education at earlier age.
68	Offering more ways for not only the youth, but the adults to attend schools for a better education.
69	Need more land for more housing.

70	Stipends from tribe for all people going to school, cost of living checks.
71	Accessibility - longer hours. More hands on teaching - life skills.
72	That we all speak our language and know our culture in doing so we need to have our own High School, community college, vocational training, our own university.
73	I would like to see people more educated and the desire to better themselves. Holding evening/day classes for adults too! Not just our youth.
74	I sincerely would like to see us have our own community college and high school.
75	A full Mohawk immersion program to revive our language.
76	For students to do something productive with their education.
77	Like to see our own.
78	Programs based on community need with a global perspective.
79	Have the language still be part of the curriculum and having kids be successful, move onto college
80	For all of our young people to pursue some type of education.
81	It would be nice if we had our own high school then we could teach our children what is more important for our kids to learn (our history, trades, our culture, language, etc.)
82	Expansion of the Akwesasne Freedom School into Grade 12, then community college. Limit outside interference.
83	Bigger schools. More funded.
84	More children finishing high school
85	Pushing much more biology, chemistry, math. Right now it's all law enforcement and social worker courses
86	Lack of land base for all education, sports events, here at Akwesasne. need more land to expand.
87	We should have all of the opportunities that are accessible to all, are culturally appropriate and help our Onkwehonwe children attain bright futures.
88	Need to work on current education system already in place. A lot of parents transfer their kids out of system at Grade 7 and 8
89	More Mohawk language and culture.
90	My vision for the future of education in Akwesasne is that we have our high school, college and university. That our people respect our own who have capacity to teach.
91	I would like to see more students graduate. There are so many children in elementary and don't make it out of high school.
92	An actual education for the people, one that prepares the young for a changing and advancing world. Also education for elders and adults who can't read or write.
93	Totally self-sufficient.
94	Native curriculum, language, history
95	It would be great to have our own high school. I also strongly believe that there needs to be more money for youth to attend prep-schools.
96	Education should be an ongoing priority. More money should be dispensed from tribal resources i.e. casino/gaming.
97	To be able to have a university degree in the language.
98	I hope to see higher standards set for all educational facilities. The need for higher levels of education of our teachers.
99	To have our own high school with qualified teachers and the education to be par or better than outside schools.

100	I would like to see more culture incorporated in the elementary school levels.
101	Free schooling for Akwesasne children wherever they want to attend school, we need better programs to help financially.
102	I would like to see my son able to attend school here.
103	Educated people with high goals.
104	Bilingual/bicultural (English/Mohawk)
105	stress of more educational needs to better improve reserve life styles.
106	Post secondary opportunities, specialized education, cultural education in language ed.
107	The best-fully supported by all leadership whether it is traditional, elected or leaders who are not elected or trade. i.e. respected Kanienkeha persons.
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109	That everyone or at least half finish college.
110	Reviving our own traditional teachings and system to replace SRMT, MCA with one traditional sovereign government.
111	To have a school that was for everyone and not divided by a "border"
112	Better Education assistance, ex Ed. Counselor Rod Cook sucks.
113	Education that is stronger in Kanienkehakane:ha. Education that is caring in its approach and helps youth to become strong, well adjusted adults.
114	Education should be a priority. There should be money for students going to college. There is a little money given to students, but there should be more.
115	Access to all different careers especially exposing kids during high school.
116	Don't believe we should segregate our kids.
117	Good economic base that offers discounts to purchases i.e. gas, groceries,
118	I don't think that a high school or university are the answers. I have substituted in local AMBE schools and believe that our standards are lower than other schools. I went to high school off reserve and truly believe that it helped me in all areas of my life. I think by having our own school we separate ourselves from outside communities. When my schoolmates went to public school I felt they were unexcepting of others.
119	More help for those pursuing a degree after Bachelors. It seems like it is harder to get aide.
120	Higher standing within non-native communities.
121	Have more people well rounded.
122	More trained in medical, law and training.
123	To educate our children early in there life to be drug free and to learn Mohawk.
124	To have more native teachers in our community.
125	More educated people in charge.
126	Our own High School and Vo Tech would be ideal.
127	More students have the opportunity to go to post secondary school.
128	Better funding for our children to go to any school they choose - not just NYS (although our NYS schools are fine)

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6	Better and higher wages.
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11	No income tax for income earned on reserve. Why are we paying tax to NYS and US? What did they ever do for us?
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17	God jobs for everyone
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37	I think the salary should fit the educational goals. I feel the younger generation will move away from here once educated.
38	More training for natives, jobs be at least 75% native
39	Businesses need to hire based on experience and ability rather than who you know
40	Better vocational training for youth and adults. Akwesasne Area Management Board - expand to include whole area
41	Fair access especially in Akwesasne government jobs seems to be impossible to get jobs. Public - private partnerships, encourage private business.
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46	Create jobs for natives within Akwesasne.
47	More skilled opportunity courses - college course jobs, GED offering - trade courses.
48	Improve and invest in different types of employment. For us to own and run all our businesses.

49	Business development, much bigger and better employment development.
50	Hire people regardless of their records. All business including Mohawk Casino hire all native.
51	Native workers get top priorities for jobs. No drug testing. Less non-native in management positions.
52	Offer more one the job training opportunities. Many people have past experience, but because times change, evolve, upgrading is necessary. Many jobs around offer no retirement packages. We have no insurance, etc.
53	Manufacturing opportunities. Our own employment office. More training facilities.
54	Better funding for more entry level positions. Create more jobs and training workshops.
55	Education and trade fairs opportunities outside of area. Jobs to increase with needs of population, training in areas of health, education, trades, business developments.
56	Have industries here in Akwesasne and pay top wages with benefits. We should have our own plants - car manufacturing.
57	More opportunities in tourism and manufacturing. Need to have a long term plan with short, medium, long term goals and it needs to be implemented not just sit gathering dust.
58	There should be more work study programs to let children figure out what they want to be by seeing it first hand.
59	Look to the environment, innovative ideas for sustaining our own electrical, phone/power/wind technologies
60	Giving people a chance to sub trade more employment. Everybody having a good paying job and wanting to work.
61	Hiring natives only, there are too many non-natives working on Akwesasne receiving our tax free benefits and its not fair! Mohawk owned and operated businesses are the only businesses around, and there are employment opportunities for people of every education, and in every field.
62	More good paying jobs for convicted felons of non violent crimes. more native preference executed.
63	More options for GED's to get into college for a better job. Everyone has a chance to work because of better (more) day care and better health.
64	Court big businesses.
65	Bring in manufacturing jobs
66	I believe the opportunity to work in Akwesasne is here, many choose not to work, there should be more native workers in our shops and restaurants. More trades demonstrated, this area should be more of a tourist attraction. Akwesasne need to feel and demonstrate pride in their territory, we have so much to share in just our culture, song, traditions, and arts. Sports is a major attraction and should somehow be linked to craftsmanship of our people.
67	Native preference first. More factories (not tobacco).
68	Offer more young entrepreneurship, financial support via casino dollars.
69	Higher wages and benefits. Employment opportunities are growing in Akwesasne, we need more benefits that go along with these opportunities.
70	More employment and same money as outside Akwesasne.
71	Industrial/commercial parks. Regulated and controlled development.
72	To encourage young people to work and train them. A lot of the workers at MCA are in their late 30's or older, but we need younger people to start in the work environment so they can take over later on.
73	More variety.

74	There is a lot of talented artists. I wish there was something to help them get out and known. Trade schools also. We have to think of other employment developments that will help build our community health. There are too many working in factories that may be harmful to our future kids and generations.
75	Expansion into alternatives that are environmentally sustainable. Home based work to cut down on fuel. Shorten work week (2/5 days or 4/10 hour days) Bike paths in all areas. Car pooling Sustainable activities such as "Feeding our People" Community gardening that supplements food and fresh vegetables to our elderly and young A cannery An apple orchard International agreements for trade via Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs.
76	More jobs with Native preference. More business and jobs.
77	More variety of jobs to meet the qualifications of the people.
78	Grim.
79	Iohahiio is an amazing program, seeing it expand would be great. AAMB and job opps are incredible also, More role models need to be a focus.
80	There are opportunities for development in the alternative energy sector. Our members need to train in this area. This offers many skilled and low skilled opportunities. Need to create partnerships with larger corporations to assist in training and mentorship for many of these development initiatives.
81	Keep the factories open. Create more for the native people and train them to do better at their work.
82	The SRMT need to get out of business and let people start businesses to provide some of the services provided by SRMT i.e. IGA, if managed by Mohawks perhaps would know that a lot of residents don't mind paying extra for decent fruits and veggies, meat. Get rid of \$\$ stores-all junk. Dollar stores general go up in marginalized areas -as a new community business more provide needs to be taken into ensuring its success! Perhaps if there were more Mohawks working there - it could happen!
83	the more businesses we have the more employment we'll have for natives. You need more stores, top notch places, check how many smoke shops do we need.
84	Many natives have problems with employment because of addictions that cause weak bodies and minds. Subsequently jobs are lost to non-natives who will work well and maintain their jobs. Drugs are destroying the community, young and old alike. We as a people need to conquer these vices so we may progress to a better and brighter future where our people do not waste opportunities like jobs, education, clean bodies and minds. If we can succeed in this, than nothing can stop our development of our lives and people. Anything will be possible.
85	Return housing to private contractors, more open government.
86	Our own engineers building our infrastructure and improving upon it. That, along with building trades for housing will generate employment. upkeep of older housing, maintenance will keep this type of worker busy in the long run. Need more professionals in the health industry. More skilled trades - plumbing, in particular, to increase competitiveness.
87	More grants and loans available for owners to put up building, purchase inventory.
88	If we had our own trade schools, perhaps the tribe could expand their resources with tribally owned enterprises. Vocational trade schools for welding, machining, electrical and steel working could locally give us and edge in job competition in surrounding areas.
89	Expansion of Adult Education, Encourage high school students to further their education. To provide technical training programs for those targeting specific job descriptions.
90	More businesses to offer clerical and sales marketing.
91	Maybe provide more training opportunities for the jobs that are required here. i.e. caretakers, policing, emt services.

92	To have employment with benefits and a better rate of pay. Also would like the governments to not have a hand in our paychecks, and better alternatives for saving money. Hotels and tourism.
93	More businesses.
94	Better recruitment strategies.
95	Need more, professional type employment, nurses doctors, etc. More employment to be placed back into community. Employment gives and we put back.
96	New businesses, solicitation of external businesses to take up residence. Development of business center. Beautification Ec. Deve Strategic plan Tourism strategic plan.
97	Casino is "incestuous" even if they advertise they have already picked some one, this has to be fixed. There has to be more benefits seen by and to the community. Poor leadership at the senior levels of the casino. Conduct when outside the community should be more professional and moral.
98	Focusing on trades and careers that are not currently available in Akwesasne. Providing employment opportunities to individuals who pursue careers that are not currently here in Akwesasne.
99	Better pay in some areas, training opportunities, wider range of training programs better benefits.
100	It might be best to peruse a career outside of Akwesasne.
101	Training programs in specific trades and interests for different community members interests. Developing our own programs with our own monies, supporting our own jobs within Akwesasne.
102	More jobs around here so people won't have to go somewhere else. Teach people how to be reliable when it come working for a living.
103	Slow down on hiring non-native, non-residents and hire more community members, Natives. More professional opportunities as well as more skilled trades.
104	More jobs for educated people. to inspire people to get an education. Get more young people to get educated to work on the rez. then there would be less white people.
105	Native preference in all local businesses, with better wages and benefits. Our children educated to take over professional positions held by non-native people.
106	Provide job training, increase minimum wage. Tribal owned gas station that provides discount to members. Run warehouse that supplies tribe and casino napkins, et. papers products, food, consumables. Casino needs to profit share to community. Construction department, that employs local people and bids on job outside community.
107	Just more economic development right now you pretty much work for MCA or tribe if you want a decent job. Or by offering more training so people could get better employment outside of Akwesasne.
108	If you have an education there are not a lot of options, which is why we lose youth. A more diverse community we seem to building/create the same thing over and over (i.e. gas stations) and we need to get our people to want honest jobs, not smuggling because its fast easy money.
109	Decreased smuggling, and increase legal employment.
110	More training better jobs.
111	Divide jobs into smaller parts, Divide into different trades (less bonding) Can only get better.
112	Advertise and hire us when we do apply instead of hiring non-natives. Train and hire our own people and charge non-native a fee for working on the rez.

113	Have more jobs that need a degree to get those jobs. To see more educational jobs open up to the Natives or residents of the community.
114	Not good.
115	More regulated jobs with benefits and a regulation of pay. more opportunities to be a worker with benefits.
116	more jobs for graduating students. same as above, or more opportunities to gain experience on order to obtain jobs.
117	Hospital - promotes the health and medical fields. Community College - promotes education field. Safer manufacturing plants - promotes employment. Skilled trades school - for the students that want to move away for awhile.

	<i>It is known that smuggling is a huge social/economic issue in Akwesasne and the impacts are creating a vicious cycle with our youth. For example: the illegal activity leads to criminal records, inability to acquire steady employment, drug use, loss of traditional values, etc. What can we community members do to stop this cycle?</i>
1	Stop hypocrisy, it is too easy for our youth when they don't have good examples.
2	Make casino reward workers with legitimate legal jobs by increasing pay scale. Thus causing people to get ahead by working, instead of running drugs. All people want is to have nice things and a place to live.
3	Pray that the blood of Jesus would be poured over the hand, the strong hold of the spirit of Mammon (money be broken off our hand and people.)
4	Stop smuggling.
5	Have more 24 hour check points in and around the reservation.
6	No one should have.
7	Stop smuggling!
8	I wish I knew.
9	Report and send to prison! Do the crime do the time!
10	Lifetime banishment for convicted felons.
11	Teach our children.
12	Pay more \$\$ to jobs @ community subsidy to low income families.
13	Teach the parents.
14	Offer more job training with better wages.
15	All begins with better parenting.
16	We need strict enforcement and penalties starting with the parents. Children learn what they live.
17	Provide jobs.
18	Teach the youth that hardworking is the way for good success and keeps your record clean
19	More teen interactive programs leading to good paying jobs!
20	First of all people need to come together, and the police need to listen.
21	If we had trade schools here, we wouldn't have to submit ourselves to make an illegal living.
22	provide more jobs/more incentives.
23	Teach more values to our next generations. More educational opportunities. More community watch programs, training in intelligence gathering.
24	Be accountable.
25	The tribe should be fighting for FREE TRADE. it's the non-native societies that make it so we have to resort to illegal activities.
26	Teach them something different, a different lifestyle.
27	We need to motivate youth and get them involved in productive activities. We also need strong role models at home.
28	Provide more family services/counseling. Push for more job opportunities.
29	Be a more sharing, caring people who help one another and who work for good minds and peach then there will be little need for social services - minimal services.
30	Stronger, stricter people in charge. Not to be intimidated by parents.

31	Make more effort to have them educated and graduate and go to college. Talk to the kids everyday about education goals and how to get rich in other legal ways.
32	More education in schools, specifically about the subject and consequences. Provide parents with assistance to help deal with their children early on.
33	Fight for our rights.
34	Education starts at home. However, we need more enforcement and banishment for drug smugglers and traffickers.
35	Teach traditions, practice them every day, expect kids to do the same.
36	Smuggling has been around for decades so I am not sure if anything can be done.
37	I wish I knew.
38	Parents need to learn how to talk to their kids and raise them properly.
39	Keep our youth involved with their education stressing the importance of their dedication to work
40	Access to education and money support and opportunities.
41	Not much - keep talking to them.
42	Report the smuggling activities to the cops to stop the activities before they get involved.
43	Education.
44	Inform the youth about the consequences.
45	Talk about smuggling and how it can cause problems.
46	To see everyone well settled on income and not struggling.
47	Encourage law enforcement.
48	Make smuggling legal but change smuggling to free trade.
49	Tell US and Canadian governments that we are a separate nation from either their laws do not pertain to us. Build own bridge for natives only.
50	Provide education on the pitfalls of smuggling and provide more job opportunities.
51	Educate, become more aware and work together for solutions. Especially children, when little that this is wrong and that there are better ways to make a living.
52	Family values - morals, religious/traditional teachings.
53	Create high paying jobs - try to get some type of plant here.
54	Take responsibility, be involved.
55	Have higher paying jobs, that only need a GED, or high school diploma.
56	This is a social problem that we need to do more education on consequences.
57	Be aware and don't get involved.
58	If the community had more to offer the youth for entertainment and education, that could slow/stop the cycle. And also targeting parents educating them about cause and effect of this negative lifestyle.
59	Better parenting, more job opportunities.
60	More discipline action.
61	There should be universal healthcare.
62	Need more education, get the culture, traditional medicines involved.
63	Trade schools like Iohahiio that pay you to go to school.
64	Education! Reject smuggling and all that it offers. Make stance against smuggling known.
65	Start at home, teach values to the children. Money is evil, we all need some to survive but smugglers have an excessive amount which leads to laziness, criminal illegal activities poor attitude lost values, materialistic competition, low expectations for a better future.

66	Need a variety of good paying jobs available.
67	Stop them! people know who is doing it - maybe more busts need to happen! Get the youth involved in other activities, Counsel their parents!!
68	Not sure if there is a solution.
69	Be more involved with our kids activities, guidance.
70	Shut down the smuggling. Provide greater opportunities.
71	It's going to be hard to stop because it's easy money that everyone wants but just to enforce laws or something. Get youth away from it.
72	Be involved in loved one's lives. Supportive.
73	As parents and teachers we can educate the young ones by stressing the importance of keeping our traditions, language, and culture. Let them know about consequences of doing illegal activities.
74	Community wide consultation and direction filtered into the schools to teach our young early "tools and morals" to live by.
75	More jobs available to different social classes.
76	Create more educational and recreational things for our young people to do.
77	More socials at the longhouse with guides to those who've never gone before. Parents telling why they smuggle, ex. I'm not a gangster I'm just wanting more for your future.
78	It starts at home with parents and grandparents better communication at home.
79	I don't know what we should do. Education is the key begin with that.
80	Policing needs to be increased to show youth there are consequences to these actions. Youth need to be educated on the consequences regarding lack of employment with a criminal record.
81	Parents need to become responsible parents again. Know where your kids are at all times.
82	Nothing really, cause everyone who doesn't knows better. Its just a cycle that will continue. It's up to the parents go elsewhere for work.
83	This is going to sound nuts, but natives it is legal to smuggle over our river, teach traditional value to those ones you think don't have it, than watch how much they know the white law is not our law, we should open our eyes.
84	Educate, employ, return to basics.
85	Cigarette manufacturing is not illegal, in my mind, until the product leaves the reserve. Employees are skilled machine operators, office workers, piece meal workers, who can apply at any manufacturing plant, and be accepted because of their experience. Tribe must be more diligent in their compliance departments to improve conditions.
86	Stop thinking it is our right to smuggle when it is not. There are reasons why it is illegal. We need to teach our children to work hard and get a good education. Encourage healthy lifestyles.
87	Treat these activities like crimes. Don't coddle them. Provide more opportunities for our youth. Scold the parents.
88	If we can get one youth to realize and learn about our culture they may learn that its more important than money.
89	3 strikes your out!
90	Need to provide jobs-specialized at more than minimum wages.
91	Community information sessions.
92	Banish drug dealers/smugglers/etc/ from the community make them go through a probation period in order to come back to Akwesasne.
93	Education - parental accountability.
94	Community needs to stand together and send out one common message.

95	Be more involved to teaching of their own children, parents need to be the controller not the children.
96	Create business opportunities, one by one family discussions.
97	Get parents more involved. I don't know what can be done really. The kids doing these things often get it from their parents.
98	Better paying jobs.
99	BE more strict with the youth and give them a sense of what respect is and how its earned and lessons on where they are from.
100	Get them involved in something productive, so they are not tempted to go to illegal activities.
101	Legalized trade, education incentives.
102	Educate more intentionally as to what our border crossing and commerce should be about. Help youth to hear positive messages on the issue from role models they can relate to.
103	The easy money is hard to dissuade kids from.
104	Learn a better way of being and teach our children.
105	Have a referendum to not allow cigarette factories on the territory.
106	offer job training program and jobs that use those skills.
107	I honestly think smuggling will always be a part of life in Akwesasne- or until the border moves, other non-native communities on the border also have smuggling problems. Native communities without border issues have similar problems with drug use, loss of values, etc. We need more youth programs, sports teams, for example can teach youth about responsibility and respect if they have right role models, coaches, parental support, etc. We need more parents that care.
108	Stop glorifying it! We need idols out of someone because he has nice car or big house, our people have created the ghetto of the north country!
109	Assist in decreasing smuggling, forbid usage of river fronts.
110	More incentive to work with their minds
111	Talk to parents about teaching respect, because it all starts with them.
112	Train children in grade school to be better citizens. Give the people a check from the casino every month instead of giving it away to people off the reserve.
113	Inform the smugglers or other criminals how they are destroying the community because of their GREED. Money will destroy the community.
114	Don't get involved. Don't let the money sway you.

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of social services and healthcare in Akwesasne.</i>
1	All needs being met, more prevention.
2	Hopefully less need for either.
3	healthy community.
4	Mohawk speaking radio and TV programs street signs in Mohawk
5	Healthcare in the future is that the clinic don't give you a hard time or reject to pay your hospital fines.
6	That we didn't need social services and health care needs would be met at community. I know the first part of my statement is a dream but it would be nice.
7	Less criminals and drug use.
8	better unbiased service of some programs.
9	Full staff of doctors, pediatricians, dentists, eye care available when needed at our clinic.
10	It's going good so far.
11	Our own hospital.
12	Cultural, education. Free clinics and treatments. We have a great dental clinic why send us to Potsdam? Our people are educated, x-rays technicians etc. Why not have our own machines here? More hospital stuff here on the Rez.
13	Not having to pay for it. I thought it was part of the agreement for the whites using the land?
14	No federal funding or access!!
15	Everyone using and speaking the language, the language is who we are.
16	Keeping it alive, increasing language and culture teaching in schools
17	Need specialists
18	We will have a healthcare and social services department that will be top level care not second rate and people should not be given a difficult time at the health facilities, referrals should be timely and without prejudice. Dental care is not good at all. We should be able to utilize services on both sides regardless of where we live.
19	They do what they're supposed to and follow up complaints
20	Hire native doctors and nurses and provide money for our own people to get this training/certification.
21	Concentrate on traditional values and teachings work with families, don't separate them
22	I think social services will improve in the future like having our child support unit here.
23	Native people have better education and confidence
24	More help with mental health facilities
25	Availability and access
26	To be able to get our own hospital
27	All need could be addressed locally
28	Health care for everyone free
29	Hopefully better.
30	Tribal pay for health care and don't deny people (tribe isn't supposed to deny people)
31	For all to have equal social services and health care whether they live here or not.
32	More interaction of group outings (trips, museums, sports) create a huge facility that encompasses hockey, track, soccer, softball

33	Better paying jobs will lead to better social services and better health services.
34	To have more male and female doctors providing health care services at more accessible hours.
35	More services needed, the future health of middle age is not looking good.
36	Coverage for "extra" dental care such as dental implants, certain type of surgery. Council should also cover all prescriptions.
37	With the population getting bigger, there will be more demand - fix the problem now and prepare for the future.
38	The children should be learning earlier.
39	Our identity should be reelected in our daily life. Our teachings cover a lot of problems that are occurring today. We just need to educate more.
40	Lack of funding, will have to start paying.
41	For the people, by the people. Native doctors, counselors advocates etc. working in Akwesasne would make it a better place.
42	I believe the facilities must be expanded a great deal to meet the community needs and reduce waiting periods i.e. "months"
43	The whole village raises a child.
44	I don't feel we should have to apply for insurance if we do not have it.
45	The current programs need more money to pay higher wages especially in social services (a very stressful job)
46	I think it would be great to have a health plan provide to all enrolled members. I would like to see more experienced physicians and also a transportation method for our elderly to get to the doctor and back home!
47	Service the community as the need grows
48	To be able to have it all taken care of in Akwesasne.
49	Parents that can spend more time with the family. Not working to make ends meet.
50	Must be community based but maintain privacy.
51	More services/activities for elders.
52	It would be nice if there was money put aside for community members to get their medical bills taken care of.
53	Working with entire family to keep it together not just separately for Health, social, housing, and education. Holistic family meetings.
54	More money needed to be put into it
55	More
56	More of an understanding of what is available. Actually reaching out to the people to see what they need without stereotyping and judgment. In Akwesasne, people don't receive services because they are embarrassed for someone they know works there.
57	I would like to see them improve.
58	I have no vision for the future maybe a hospice.
59	more child oriented.
60	We need to expand in all areas. Appointments take months, then they drag on until sometimes the treatment comes too late.
61	To have our own sustainable hospital that bother US and Canadian residence can utilize.
62	Everything a person would need to be easily accessible on the reserve and good, excellent quality of care.

63	Possibly have more community info sessions with youth showing them consequences of activities now and how it will affect them in the future.
64	We need more workers and funding for these professions. There is a huge shortage.
65	More care, understanding, less judgmental workers, teach more about who we are.
66	Need for more, we are losing our youth to the fast life.
67	Have hospital, holistic healing center, medicine gardens, medicine walks, medicine picking, etc.
68	The best health care and education. Casino \$ should be directed to health care.
69	Social services for abuse towards women. Alternative medicines. Better healthcare, more alternative/traditional medicine, instead of pushing pills on everyone, I would like to see less services for children and more parent involvement.
70	Hopefully everyone is healthy and sociable. Health insurance should be taken care of by the government.
71	To promote traditional teachings, support medicines, methods, ceremonies, Treatments for those with diabetes, cancer and back problems. Health services should be always free for natives from the treaty of health welfare and education.
72	There should be a place for people who need dialysis, many people are going to Massena or other places. Insurance should be available from community dollars for people that need it. Others that can afford it should pay for it. More doctors that specialize, more than one doctor for everyone.
73	A hospital service for all of Akwesasne. Sports specialists.
74	There is a dentist but there should be more to lessen the wait time for an appointment. The Dental Department should be growing. Expand and grow! Meet the needs of the people who live in Akwesasne.
75	Physiotherapy.
76	No more hoop jumping.
77	hopefully become equal to off-reserve services.
78	Awesome health care for everyone.
79	More health services in the southern portion of Akwesasne. I would like to see more native trained in health care.
80	We should our own healthcare paid for by the casino and be able to go to any doctor we want to.
81	See it as we are going to need more people in those fields. Not satisfied with the dental service on the reservation.
82	More parental training.
83	Social services to provide training, schooling to get everyone back on their feet. Health care needs to look for better ways to fund themselves and less dependency on the federal government. Community insurance plan, reasonable premiums/co-pays.

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of Mohawk Language and Culture in Akwesasne.</i>
1	More tech. ways for kids to learn language.
2	Hopefully not just a minority will be longhouse or traditional. Hopefully we can take pride in our culture.
3	I'd like to see apprenticeship programs for youth to learn from the elders. Immersion preK to college. Mohawk language and culture based programs in education, health and government.
4	Mandatory Mohawk Immersion.
5	Without leadership there is no direction if everyone shows up for community meetings there could be direction.
6	Everybody in Akwesasne talks Mohawk fluently
7	That the future generations will be proud to be able to speak Mohawk and have their culture.
8	Available for all Akwesasne without discrimination against non-criminals
9	Babies need to be learning - more through possibly daycares and providers - more classes for adults that are free of charge.
10	I don't have time but feel its important to keep language alive for my kids.
11	To bring it back before its lost.
12	Should be a high priority everywhere. If we are ashamed to be who we are, we won't see a need for language. There isn't much native about our lifestyles.
13	As a teacher, the Mohawk language need to be taught from birth, Children are most receptive to learn a language from birth to age 7.
14	Preserve and document.
15	I too need to speak fluently only speak this language 100%. All of us.
16	Extending cultural values/language to surrounding schools.
17	If we wanted to learn English its free, but to take certain Mohawk language courses we have to pay for it.
18	Lets build our own high school first and teach our native cultural and values.
19	Need to be included in all areas of daily activity.
20	If you don't ask you won't know. You could ask questions no one has thought of.
21	Very important. The leadership needs to know what we want and think, they need to listen
22	Keep learning
23	We need to bring it back. Very important!
24	Work hand in hand with education to prosper
25	Pay the teachers what they're worth.
26	Very important. They don't listen anyway!
27	It is the responsibility of every parent to pass on their knowledge and traditions to their children and to support the teachers in schools
28	I am hoping that it will increase
29	That we don't lose our language
30	More language being spoken by children and adults who have never done so
31	Save the language with adequate money support to those who speak, read
32	Enough money to support them

33	I would like to see more classes given for the language but at later times for the employed members.
34	I want to see more Mohawk speaking people
35	More classes for all ages
36	That all Mohawks learned and use their language
37	More people should know of their heritage
38	Keeping it alive by having more interest/activity in the schools. Native people to native people relationship on reserve. Having non natives move on or permit to the reserve is not keeping our traditions or our language going.
39	Still exists.
40	Everybody knows the Mohawk language by heart.
41	For all to become traditional people, to not lose our language or traditions.
42	I wanted to participate, but last time I was on the wrong shift at work. Easier accessibility to attend language courses
43	Younger children speaking Mohawk fluently. More exposure to traditional survival.
44	Providing mandatory language programs from K to grade 12. Also having Mohawk immersion classes.
45	Day care and head start teachers should take language courses and speak to the kids only in Mohawk.
46	Direct money from the casino to pay and pay well those people who are speakers and especially those who read, write, and are able to teach.
47	Very important. There should be more active members in our society in the community.
48	Very important. But we need to get together for one system, even if its a joining of several together
49	It will come back when people realize it is going they should do something about it.
50	It would be amazing for Akwesasne to become a fluent nation again with more opportunities to learn the language for adults it would bring it back.
51	Every family has children fluent in Mohawk who will then teach their kids.
52	Children growing up to be adults who care for one another and not only themselves.
53	A learning center like AEDA on the island.
54	It needs to be everywhere. Signs, photos on the radio, on the buses, at public places, schools, day care, all over.
55	Sponsor the Freedom School to continue their work.
56	I personally would like to learn the language, and also to bring it back into the school systems!
57	Teaching our young is a must. I was never taught and it does bother me.
58	It needs full financial support from tribal and council chiefs.
59	A lot is already being done as far as language and culture. I wish it was a priority when I was going to school. We had very little in that area.
60	Children should have the chance.
61	For everyone to speak Mohawk.
62	Try to keep it alive!
63	More, More, More
64	That the language be mandatory for everyone to learn in the workplace.
65	50% Mohawk language and culture in 10 years 100% Mohawk language and culture in 20 years Better education support for teachers/educators

66	Need more opportunities
67	Be able to take lessons without having to pay cash. A lot of people don't have the extra to pay, but wish to learn.
68	Let's try
69	It's failing, will not last much longer, too many other issues with our young kids.
70	An increase in speakers more available programs.
71	Keeping culture and language alive in community is greater need and should be a priority for all members.
72	I think they should teach our children more at schools and after school program because they need to learn our language and traditional ways. Need more, don't have to pay.
73	My vision is that anyone who says they are Mohawk speak their language and know their culture. I want to see our people and community de-colonized!
74	Always keep it alive, never bow down.
75	In Onondaga the school teaches our way and language, most children there speak fluently. The Freedom School here teaches these ways (expand it)
76	Return to traditions
77	Imperative to keep this alive - it's who we are. We need to re-write our own history.
78	Have courses outside for all ages, not just in school.
79	That's what makes Akwesasne unique - language and culture.
80	That the majority of all people will speak the language, and that more people will focus their energy on learning about and strengthening our traditional government.
81	I hope its not lost, offer elder and toddler services together.
82	Everyone should be able to speak some and the cultural teachings followed more closely.
83	Hopefully to have more people trying/know how to speak the Mohawk language.
84	Mohawk language and culture to be offered in school that our children attend more often they are not taught enough.
85	Would like to see my son able to speak and understand the language, without educational system holding back.
86	More classes.
87	Hope to learn the language and hear the language.
88	Language lesson time in the workplace, have speakers to work with each building.
89	Not just in schools - It should be mandatory for leadership to know and speak language is a key element of nationhood!! How many of our leaders are speakers?
90	Language and culture throughout all areas of the community.
91	That everyone will be able to speak their own language not just a few.
92	To see the young people speaking in the longhouse conducting the sacred ceremonies and in the community.
93	Turn out more speakers so the language doesn't die.
94	Parents and children conversing in Kanienkeha.
95	Our kids need to grow up knowing who they are.
96	Create more language nests, make videos, and cartoons i.e. Dora the explorer, available to the community.
97	100% native speaking on graduation from school.
98	We need to provide opportunity for all ages to be exposed to learning the language and/or being in immersion programs.

99	I hope for a future where the youth can learn their language and culture without compromising their other skills needed to survive. learning to speak Mohawk should not lessen other skills, for example my cousins went through immersion and ended up behind in reading and writing English. I also hope we will not be as discriminating as we are now. My family still looks down on non-native. well only if they are going to be in the family.
100	More speakers, more use of language.
101	Need language to survive! VITAL!
102	Continue to have them work with it in school.
103	More teaching, our young ones will learn.
104	Teach children in school as soon as they start to learn Mohawk and continue every year until they graduate.
105	We need to keep our language and culture strong. If the kids would rather quit school to smuggle how are they going to learn their language and culture and other subjections.
106	Ideally more school opportunities and community language ed. opportunities.
107	More opportunities for our children and adults to learn.
108	Incorporate the teachings in the younger ages PreK-7 not just one class.

	<i>How important is active participation of community members to providing direction to community leadership? Explain.</i>
1	I don't attend tribal government meetings, I feel its an arm of the white man's government. Government should be a reflection of the people feel is important for community.
2	Community members should know what's going on.
3	Band office and tribal office be drug tested.
4	Leadership seldom listens to community members anyway.
5	Not enough community involvement with tribal decisions.
6	When community members complain about which chiefs are in? the decisions they make if nothing is said nothing can be done.
7	Very important. If our leaders don't represent themselves and sell out, then the younger generations will all be sell outs also.
8	If nobody starts it and keeps it going then it stops.
9	In order to be heard you need a voice and too many community members don't speak up.
10	Very important. Need more ways to participate instead of just monthly meetings. Tribe get an online Blog so members can provide input.
11	Very important. Our governments are so intent on listening to outside agencies, they forget to listen to the community.
12	Very important. People must use their participation more.
13	One mind - no battling!
14	Very important. Leadership needs to know the community needs of entire community not just vocal minority
15	Very important. To not participate gives free license for leadership to be more corrupt/nepotism. It's not right that our voices are "advising" only
16	Very important. To go vote and voice opinion
17	Very important. Decisions about the people should be made by the people not 3 chiefs
18	Very important. Everybody needs to participate.
19	Very important. Get corrupted tribal leaders out of power, put a salary cap on their wages.
20	We should have our own government.
21	They don't care about what I have to say - they may listen but the don't HEAR me!
22	Very important. People need to tell their leaders what they need.
23	Very important.
24	Very important. Our community leaders should not be making decisions without discussions and participation of more community members. It's very frustrating at community meetings. Families need to appoint a member to attend and then discuss what the agenda was for awareness and info. sharing. Many choose not to attend because of family obligations or whatever. The monthly meetings need to be priority and info. needs to get past the tribal building.
25	Very important. The people should decide.
26	Very important.
27	Very important.
28	Very important.
29	Very important.
30	Very important.

31	Very important.
32	Very important. Sometimes you're prohibited from participating. Leaders should take direction from the people and should resign if they do not.
33	Somewhat important. It's important for all the people to be involved, but not for elected community members.
34	Very important. If people have input they should participate.
35	Very important. It takes a community to raise a child, that's what the chiefs are, white educated children
36	Members need to get involved in many issues, community tends to attend meetings only when issues are affecting them personally.
37	Our chiefs have been poor leaders nothing but thief's, traitors, and liars but we can stop that if we try.
38	If you don't know where you have been you won't know where to go.
39	Need to participate and not lose anything in translation or interpretation.
40	To be a part of a decision making process is important.
41	These people are only supposed to be the voice of the people, not to be making decisions on their own.
42	The leaders are the communities voice, without input from the community, the leaders become dictators!
43	To show the leaders what the people want and need and what's important to them.
44	It is very important!!! The government is there for the community. They are the voice for the whole community. They need to let the community know everything before deals are done.
45	If you vote for someone you should support them for the term.
46	Leadership needs continued support.
47	Participation is the best to get concerns, and help.
48	Leaders need input, feedback direction.
49	Have to keep leaders accountable.
50	Without community involvement our leaders will make decisions as they see fit which may not be what is right.
51	For the next generation so they don't get pushed around.
52	There have been examples of so-called chiefs signing documents to put more monies in their own pockets and being abolished for their actions of selling out.
53	Without community input at meetings and votes the elected leaders assume the interests of Akwesasne members votes and referendums not necessarily good either.
54	Without participation - dictatorship. "regulars" are too rude. Can't stand the drama.
55	Community members need to be comfortable in expressing their views to leadership without being belittled or ridiculed by other community members.
56	So government officials don't get bloated heads and think they can do whatever they want.
57	As with traditional ways, elders and communities decide future of people.
58	People need to get involved.
59	We need to be active and involved.
60	Very important - some people have ideas but have given up on the present council.

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of Governance in Akwesasne.</i>
1	Need to become more demanding to outside governments, need to be braver, fight more for what we want instead of just giving everyone else what they want.
2	Use our original structure, traditional government.
3	Banishment, we should have our jail, prison system on the reservation to make restitution for crimes.
4	Mohawk lawyers and judges.
5	We are our own government.
6	Where all 3 leadership will work together more effectively and realize that this is for the betterment of the Akwesasne.
7	Have a leadership the community can trust to make decisions.
8	Work together and unite instead of all these branches.
9	Call them what they are MCA and SRMT have counsellors they are not chiefs. MNCC are chiefs but who is condoled? What happened to old way's
10	For the youth to have a say!!
11	Everything should come under general management of MNCC especially government to government and all laws. There can still be a SRMT and MCA but just as administrations for services.
12	The government should focus on land claims
13	Must begin with energy independence! Alternative energy programs need immediately!
14	Why did only 250 people or so sign up for monies and sell out to Alcoa's agreement, they should lose their membership because they signed contracts with the Alcoa's lawyers, is this cancer rate only worth \$1200?
15	No separation just one community as a whole, providing equal services to everyone regardless of residency.
16	Get rid of the tribe.
17	By the people! The tribe is trying to assimilate us! When will they learn and start fight for our rights and not their pockets.
18	One government for all of Akwesasne.
19	They would listen to the community and learn from mistakes in the past.
20	We need a governance that want to make Akwesasne and tell the outside government to stay out. We need to stop being a welfare state and start take care of ourselves
21	Set up regular annual report card for leadership scored by the people. Regular input can be given with standard questionnaire each year.
22	Power to the people. Our leaders lead.
23	Leaders should go house to house and attend as many community gatherings out there to get input from the regular people. One government would be best.
24	Services - strict retraining/work schedules
25	Work together for the good of the entire community and not just for your own special interest
26	I think the councils need to get feedback from the community on any major decisions regarding financial purchases/uses.
27	It's too late
28	One voice for all community
29	More accountable
30	Fair

31	The governments in power now are doing a great job and should be left alone to do their job correctly.
32	Services - more legal assistance Issues - enforce more drug laws
33	Don't really know if anything can work, has anything worked yet?
34	One chief system
35	To see people (leaders) who actually care be our leader and not just in it for the money. Offer a pay to the people when vote time begins, as much as a office worker/or teacher would get paid and see if anyone takes it. You'll see who is in it for the people or just for the money.
36	Simplified to a single government
37	Akwesasne is one nation no USA or Canada
38	Honest people in power, for the people not themselves.
39	More input from the people.
40	Rules and by-laws that will have checks and balances.
41	To have the fines equal with the government.
42	Too many groups not too optimistic about future governments working together, too many chiefs.
43	MCA has too many chiefs. We have plenty of directors who are able to make decisions on behalf of our community.
44	Difficult. We had an opportunity to have sub chief as chiefs, may be people did not understand and should look at again.
45	Services court should provide - the right to a lawyer. Issues, the legal and social issues The Mohawk court system should include the jury, judge, mediator and police
46	Services community court should provide - Civil (land disputes) youth diversion, alternative measures to criminal system. Mohawk court system should be an elder system set into courts.
47	Younger people in governing community.
48	The only government that should be in Akwesasne is the traditional government. MCA, Tribe etc. don't care about the people. Otherwise they would be worried about us (housing, jobs, etc) and not ling their pockets with our money
49	One government recognized by federal agencies and the Iroquois confederacy.
50	Great Law
51	Leaders that represent visionaries of a better Akwesasne, a healthier, more productive community.
52	The people should decide - let business owners be heard - they have experience in certain areas too! Voting should definitely take place.
53	One unified Council for Northern and southern portions of Akwesasne would be good
54	I still see 3 governments in our community
55	One together.
56	A system with checks and balances.
57	Need to work together and have community involvement.
58	All districts working together
59	It would be good if we could have one building that is on governance. One building takes care of all U.S. and the Canadian tickets fines and all the laws that pertain to Akwesasne.
60	The people are above all, MNCC are the overseers, and MCA SRMT are the administrators
61	A working government not like the one we have right now. Referendums don't work at all, there should be a higher percentage of community involvement.
62	Better and more honesty for people of Akwesasne

63	We really need a change
64	We need to be able to make agreements on decisions and be on one page.
65	everyone should get involved w/the government.
66	Governance should respect traditions.
67	Return to our ways the real chiefs need to come back to power, the clan mothers need to step up, the warriors of our need to show our power we need to reclaim what is lost.
68	More open and accountable.
69	Unity as a whole, get rid of the border and take issues to task as a unified Mohawk Nation.
70	I'd like to see our traditional Nation Council be the governing body and the elected officials only be a board to decide on the government monies and that answers to the Nation council.
71	Do away with the 3 chiefs system. I like district chief dynamics.
72	The best possible for all community members regardless of which side of the border they reside.
73	For the 2 governments to work together and help the community strive to a better future. We should be 1 Akwesasne not Amer. side of Can. side.
74	Focus on unity. true dedication for the community.
75	I would like to see our community unite as one and not focus on the money and power and nepotism and bring focus to our future.
76	To get to one form of government.
77	One community.
78	The people will keep our government accountable. Accountability and transparency are most important!
79	A return to a more traditional system of government.
80	If we really know what were doing I think its a good idea.
81	To be sovereign, tax-free as we should always be promoting traditional governance.
82	All three governments working together, peacefully and honestly for the betterment of our community.
83	MCA/SRMT/MNCC - Tri-council. ""Community Spokesperson government an embarrassment to community, creating yet another division within Akwesasne.
84	More lobbying for money for community. more excess to money for community. There are lost of grants out there that people are not aware of more, awareness. Both MCA and Tribe need to work together there nothing that prevents me to move to the states as long as we have no border, so should our governance.
85	More community input and not advisory!
86	Integrate into one.
87	One people under one flag.
88	We need to unite!
89	Should stay how they are because each government has to get their funding from two difference countries.
90	It would serve all people to eliminate borders.
91	That everybody can work together to maintain the integrity of our people.
92	A government that actually cares about the community not just a select few.

	<i>JUSTICE</i>
1	Mohawk Judge, Mohawk lawyer, and Mohawk DA
2	We should have natives from a different reserve because everybody is related here.
3	None because they are only enforcing laws that the community didn't have any say in and we are not sovereign people if we listen to Canada/US. We are puppets doing what they trained us to do. Mohawks didn't have courts before why do we need them now?
4	5 person judgment, to handle child abuse, spousal abuse.
5	Services - lawyers Issues - noise complaints Mohawk court system should look like and include - Chiefs and lawyers
6	Fines, enforcement, equal justice. Anything concerned with civil disputes. A judge, prosecutor and defense attorneys.
7	Services - all Issues - all
8	Services - our business stays here Issues - Our punishments do not include jails but rehabilitate our people to do better Mohawk court system should look like and include - our own community services and tools to get on our own feet, education
9	One without government interference. Issues that deal with our special demographic needs Mohawk court should include our elders and peers.
10	Services - everything that the outside courts provide
11	Services - all services as outside Issues - all issues Mohawk court should be like all courts but have an elder council
12	Services - all of them Issues - all of them Mohawk court system should look like and include - based on Mohawk laws above all else.
13	Services - civil court for environmental, regulations enforcements. Issues - Environmental protection issues Mohawk court system needs to be community approved, supported and recognized in authority
14	services - more enforcement issues - child support enforcement More citations/tickets being issued
15	Services - Its a joke right now Issues - most parents shouldn't be allowed to keep their kids A Mohawk court system should look like and include - it shouldn't be any different than every other system
16	Services - Mohawk lawyers Issues - family violence Mohawk court system should include Mohawk justices and lawyers
17	Highway commercial, zoning needed for manufacturing
18	Services - custody, divorces Issues - custody, divorces, criminal The Mohawk court system should look like all other court systems but should include a native interpreter, hearing impaired and people, sensitive to our culture.
19	Clan mothers!
20	services - child support, custody cases, tickets, fines Mohawk court system should look like a regular court room (like a city) judge, court office, secretary, holding room.
21	Issues - local and civil Mohawk court system should look like and include Judge, jury, hand down penalties and judgments
22	services - child support Issues - divorce and family court
23	Services - all family, traffic, major crimes Issues - all

24	Services - education, counseling Issues - Jurisdiction of lands Mohawk court system should look like and include Native Judges and workers and an appeal board.
25	Services equal with the American/Canadian government Issues - community and land disputes Mohawk court system should look like and include two or more representatives of various areas of the community working together to solve court disputes.
26	Family court, juvenile court, land disputes
27	Need stricter fines and get an enforcement officer. The Mohawk court should have their own building.
28	All services should be provided by community court except for criminal, i.e. murder.
29	Services - responsibility Issues - tickets, fines Court system look like and include - more professional
30	The Mohawk court system should look like and include the traditional way - by clans, matriarchal and chiefs, faith keepers etc.
31	All services should be provided. The Mohawk Court system should include elders instead of judges.
32	Services - scenarios for safety, youth workshops, elders rights, info sessions, landowners and renters rights and regulations. Issues - traffic, property, family, youth Mohawk Court system should include positive behavior (photos/messages) Community service workers help or guide them to be a better person, have them teach others. Wise words from elders messages of inspiration set up in a circle with a talking feather.
33	Community court should have a family court.
34	Community court should provide services for disputes with land issues/wills.
35	Community courts should provide the same services one would get off reserve. Community courts should hear most issues requiring litigation. The current Mohawk court system is fine.
36	All services should be provided, all issues should be heard. The Mohawk court should be like off the rez.
37	One community court for all should hear everything. Courthouse.
38	Services - civil, environmental, animal control. The Mohawk court system should look like and include a panel of elders.
39	Community court should provide family, domestic, criminal defense services and hear issues on family/domestic. It should be just like a regular court system.
40	Community courts to provide advice on the law to educate the people also. The court should hear the issues on the law within Akwesasne Territory. One building for one people.
41	Equal treatment of accused. Community court should hear smuggling issues. The Mohawk court system should be a council of unprejudiced people.
42	I think they are doing alright.
43	More alternative dispute resolution options. Model after the old ways.

	<i>Where is the best location for designated commercial/business area(s)?</i>
1	St. Route 37.
2	St. Regis/Hogansburg.
3	Anywhere on route 37
4	Central Hogansburg.
5	Route 37
6	Cig. factories
7	Route 37, and St. Regis Village.
8	Cornwall Island
9	At all that land where the tribe owns 67 acres on state road. Put own technical schools, colleges, language buildings there. IGA is too expensive.
10	Not important schools and housing first.
11	Economic growth through electrical company, culturally appropriate businesses
12	More recreational businesses
13	St. Regis
14	US portion of Akwesasne
15	Rt. 37, near Casino
16	Route 37 and around IGA/Casino
17	Enough gaming already, no large commercial retailers. More family recreational businesses
18	Along route 37 corridor western half of rez.
19	On route 37.
20	Too many already
21	Area of land claims
22	Where there is lots of traffic
23	Rt. 37 area.
24	Route 37
25	Route 37
26	Along route 37
27	Route 37
28	Route 37.
29	Center of Akwesasne
30	In the woods far away from houses.
31	Route 37
32	On route 37.
33	Route 37 and Cornwall Island
34	Retail - Route 37. Manufacturing not near residential.
35	There should e more opportunities for the youth to make money.
36	We are a native community, why would we need franchises
37	Cornwall
38	Route 37, the main drag that goes thru Akwesasne.
39	Route 37
40	On the major roads.

41	Route 37.
42	Southern portion of Akwesasne
43	Away from populated residential areas.
44	Hogansburg, Route 37
45	Hogansburg land claim area near IGA
46	Route 37.
47	Island.
48	Right on the main road on route 37.
49	Hogansburg
50	Anywhere that looks good for the community.
51	Where there is easy access.
52	Near state highways
53	Best location in a high traffic area.
54	Route 37
55	Main roads, route 37.
56	Right on the main drag, Rt.37.
57	Central Hogansburg
58	along route 37.
59	Route 37, international corridor on Cornwall Island.
60	Route 37 and International Rd. on Cornwall Island.
61	Centrally located, high traffic areas.
62	On the main roads
63	Route 37
64	At each end of the rez.
65	Along Route 37.
66	Route 37
67	Along 37 or between bridges.
68	Hogansburg
69	Mid Akwesasne.
70	Become a force that will dictate goods and services.
71	State Route 37 and Cornwall Island
72	Off 37 and Snye
73	On route 37 from the tribal building to the casino.

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of the economy in Akwesasne.</i>
1	Less casino and alcohol places so we do not perpetuate native stereotypes, more family friendly places to hang out.
2	Akwesasne makes money off of businesses.
3	Where we are not dependent on smuggling or cigarettes.
4	competitive prices with other local shops.
5	To be economically sound, with fuel, oil, electricity and local employment bringing in large outside businesses will create vulnerability to our land.
6	Better jobs and homes, better health services.
7	More activities, more places to hang out, and more fun stuff. Bigger businesses, bigger franchise.
8	More commercial revenue use for community upgrades, roads, sewers, etc.
9	Chiefs pay us like Mexicans then we will not enjoy living in this community. We should be priorities to a high pay grade. We have made a lot of Mohawks rich but our pockets are empty. Just to make ends meet. Tribal government should give us our own monies/ maybe this would exempt our waste, have a drug test just to qualify on receiving any moneys.
10	Self Sufficiency.
11	Residential area a priority. Businesses locate on route 37 - that's it.
12	We need to get more aggressive to learn how to run a business and with people skills and quality. The economy people have to stop just helping their families out and try helping the whole community.
13	Make the tribe able to stand alone without help from outside agencies
14	More retail, shops, department stores, commercial location centralized.
15	Diversify and market our uniqueness, and strengths
16	I thin in the future Akwesasne should be able to provide major recreational facilities to all age groups and sports
17	No smuggling (drugs)
18	Jobs for the people
20	To have everything close so that there is no need to go outside of Akwesasne.
21	Broader range of services. Jobs for everyone, bring in more revenue.
22	Make everyone, the people, have money coming from Tribal owned companies (i.e.. Casino, bingo palace).
23	To promote store people are willing to shop at like a mall with better stores i.e. Old navy, Abercrombie, low price stores to dollar store.
24	It's going to grow!
25	Bring more businesses like McDonalds, Tim Horton's and commercial shopping malls to Akwesasne. Akwesasne being popular for everything.
26	Expand commercial opportunities, leave retail to individuals.
27	I think the most important priorities that could improve the economy in my opinion especially for the youth is a activity center that is more accessible to help kids off the street. To advertise more of the business to help the community become more aware. Better hours for banking later hours. A bank on American side.
28	Bring car manufacturing to Akwesasne.
29	A thriving economy made up of independent tribal owned, partnerships (public and private), low unemployment.

30	We should utilize our land more and have more protection from pollution.
31	Good as long as people do not get greedy.
32	Self-sufficient
33	Strong economic base tribal tax collected from big businesses increased, lower for small.
34	Keep it simple. Stay away from making it commercial, word of mouth, quality goods, follow the Amish.
35	I would like the Tribe not to compete with other local businesses without going to community first - ex. Restaurants!
36	Stable economy with supportive mechanisms for young entrepreneurs.
37	To be self-sufficient.
38	Like to see tribal businesses to employ and supply residents.
39	Community based, properly placed, low impact.
40	Businesses are developing and growing greatly.
41	More variety.
42	Alternative Business - research center.
43	Better education and jobs.
44	monopolized
45	All children should be trained on basic money management skills.
46	Growth without sacrifice, we should not lose our ways.
47	Gain total self-sufficiency.
48	All endeavors must be tax-exempt.
49	It would be nice if Akwesasne was 100% self-sustaining. Suggestion: begin assessing a tax to those non-natives who are working in Akwesasne tax free!!
50	Ideas: bowling alley, movie theatre, bank (centrally located), Laundromat, deli/bakery, recreation center.
51	I would like us to be self sufficient.
52	Proceed in a logical and timely approach.
53	I'd like to see less dependence on government funding. Instead of big corporations (Wal-Mart, etc.) I'd rather see a market center with a deli, green grocer, bakery all separate in one area.
54	More self-owned businesses not paying taxes but supporting our own programs, sports, rec. etc.
55	To operate and survive in the unique geographical area Akwesasne lays.
56	Grow - more jobs for the people from Akwesasne.
57	Don't bring in too many commercial retailers because we will be just like the white communities.
58	I'd like to see more family based business i.e. kids centers, public pool.

	<i>Describe your vision for the future of Land Use and the Environment in Akwesasne.</i>
1	More planned neighborhoods with no white people.
2	Akwesasne has more land.
3	That any business (new and existing) will be made to keep the environment and residents in mind so that we have a healthy community all together.
4	Cleaner and green
5	To expand, get back our land claims.
6	Better planning with high emphasis on environmental impact.
7	Should be recognize that if its gone, its gone and should hope mother earth a little bit more
8	Land use should be efficient as well as environmentally friendly.
9	Keep our children occupied. Need bowling alley, movies, swimming pool, gymnasium
10	Go green and build a native school.
11	Unity
12	It's a territory and is Mohawk, it's me.
13	Family, community, culture.
14	No clan, no land. Get the non-natives off our land. Clean mother earth so we can continue to use her.
15	Designated areas for business. Make residents clean up yards and ditches.
16	Make protection of environment a priority, look to community wide planning along with safe use of land. Education on environmental protection.
17	Land use should have some type of regulations for commercial building/zoning regulations.
18	People don't care enough to keep themselves clean let alone the environment.
19	Do not pollute our environment.
20	Strategic/planned for best use, turn environmental damage around.
21	Keep working on it.
22	To use the land for environmentally safe businesses that can give back to our community through services, recreational sites, youth activities.
23	Less traffic in the four corners in Hogansburg area.
24	Commercialized zoning.
25	To see our land free of waste and litter on side roads and in yards.
26	Wisely and in an eco-safe way to grow.
27	Akwesasne has more land and doesn't pollute.
28	Create more awareness and make recycling a mandatory requirement for the community and future.
29	Many Mohawks live in Cornwall and Massena because no land is available.
30	A logical approach.
31	The land.
32	The culture/beliefs/pride.
33	More towards learning about different herbs, parks, and home planning
34	We are not taking advantage and using what we have. We need to preserve what we can for future generations.
35	Clean.
36	Sharecrops, farmers, traditional meals, peaceful quite areas, sanctuaries.

37	I would like to see better water and sewer lines go in. Our population is increasing and we're not able to sustain it any longer.
38	Residential development.
39	Go green!
40	It's ok just have to keep up.
41	A clean healthy place to live and prosper.
42	Respectful to the environment and needs of people.
43	It would be awesome if get e could either get free electricity or find alternative ways to heat our homes and electricity off the grid.
44	To work in conjunction with the natural world. Support their habitat and way of life.
45	Monopolized.
46	Green living and understanding for all.
47	To clean the PCB's out of the land and restore the health of the people.
48	Be more responsible.
49	Community values that everyone is proud of.
50	Location-appropriate uses are a must.
51	Expansion of land claims.
52	I would like to see it cleaner with more children outside.
53	Compensation from the negative effects of multi national corps.
54	More pollution regulations, consequences for littering even on our own property, more environmentally friendly building.
55	Want more land in Akwesasne, and cleaner Akwesasne.
56	Preserving trees that are used and/or are needed for future use and environmental awareness, preserving our wildlife and promoting more recreational activates such as hunting, camping, hiking.
57	To develop while respecting the earth.
58	We need sidewalks so we can safely walk ourselves, our children, our dogs to exercise. Too many crazy drunk drivers to be safe on these roads. All districts need it, not just some.
59	Improve rivers/tourism.
60	Provide additional housing to families in need and promote agriculture.
61	On the American side you have to pay for your garbage removal and recycling. How much do people recycle. The school don't do local businesses promote recycling. Dogs need to be on leashes, pets need to neutered.
62	Become a force that others will follow.
63	If we don't clean up this place it's only going to make the whole community look bad.
64	Alternative power diversity of business.
65	Need to institute more recycling programs.

	<i>What do you like most about Akwesasne?</i>
1	People, families.
2	Community and being native in the rezz.
3	My family and friends, sense of community, arts, culture and language.
4	family and friends
5	Our sense of family/community.
6	It's my home
7	The people
8	Close to family, tax free, my community.
9	Tax exempt.
10	The people.
11	All of my family lives here.
12	Family and friends
13	The water.
14	Being a sovereign entity.
15	Family, community
16	This is home.
17	My family.
18	Community involvement, activities and services.
19	Pride
20	It's home.
21	Dishonesty
22	The increase of people, cars and businesses all over the area.
23	The border/customs
24	The location.
25	Close to my family.
26	Community supports those in need.
27	The family here, river
28	The rivers
29	It's my home, it's what my grandmother valued
30	Its people
31	People
32	The land.
33	My community sense that I'm safe and my children are safe
34	The safeness
35	Gas prices
36	The people
37	That is where I belong
38	Growth opportunities (no taxes)
39	You know everybody.
40	Love it will not live anywhere else ever!!
41	Proud people
42	This is my home and I will always love my home and family and the memories I shared and experienced.

43	Boating on the St. Lawrence.
44	My home.
45	The pollution, lack of recycling, lack of resources
46	How we don't act like a native community should. We should protect Native and our inherent rights not abuse them
47	Family
48	The river and sense of community among Akwesasronon.
49	The people
50	The elders and children
51	Sense of family and community
52	Trees, community is friendly diversity.
53	Closeness of members.
54	Sovereign nation - no tax.
55	The people.
56	The geography and people. Grew up here and love it.
57	Land and tax free
58	Our people.
59	Location
60	That we are such a small community and everyone helps each other.
61	I love the children and people, how they care about one another. I love being Onkwehonwe.
62	The diversity.
63	It's home.
64	Akwesasne
65	The culture.
66	It's a good place for my daughter to be raised.
67	People
68	People your always home
69	The people.
70	The people
71	Our elders, have "peace" about them.
72	Being proud to live here.
73	When monies in need we have good fund raising abilities.
74	Being a close knit community.
75	Small, close community, people helping each other not only in time of need.
76	The people (some).
77	Community.
78	The community closeness.
79	Family.
80	No taxes.
81	Our community identity.
82	The good people, they are there, in spite of the rep in the outside world.
83	It's beautiful when clean and we have so many talented people.
84	All the people.
85	Family, friends, longhouse, culture, location.
86	It is my home and family's home.

87	Family, home.
88	The river, the sports.
89	Water.
90	It's home.
91	My family and friends are here.
92	My family is here.
93	Culture.
94	The people and history.
95	St. Lawrence River.
96	All our family live here.
97	The river and how lucky we are to live in a beautiful place.
98	Family.
99	Culture and Family.
100	Opportunities.

	<i>My vision for the future of the Akwesasne community is....</i>
1	Healthy, employed, happy.
2	All students graduating high school because they want to get a good job working for a higher amount than everyone else. People satisfied and comfortable. Lower crimes More good ideas by chiefs.
3	A place where the community is well in body, mind and spirit. A place where we respect each other and all living things. A place where language and culture are a priority and integrated into everything we do. A place that shows we care for it.
4	We are all rich and nobody is on welfare and can support their kids.
5	A safe and proud community.
6	Too long to list and I am tired.
7	Incorporate tourism, bring back traditional ways, teach respect of self and others, beautify Akwesasne, bring back language.
8	For the community to allow changes to happen for the better, for the government systems to focus on problems in Akwesasne not on the ones elsewhere.
9	healthy people, healthy homes, healthy schools
10	To see it become a better place for all of our people to live.
11	To combine all socio-economic factors to produce an effective and viable community model based on past experiences of failure as well as success.
12	Let us make a pay grade that is worth making. Respect us so that we can respect you. We made a lot of people rich here, so why can't I afford to buy a new car. I'm living for the next week pay. but the bosses are driving fancy cars.
13	To be united.
14	To come together, work together for the sake our children and theirs.
15	Working together being of one mind to come up with solutions to problems. Not letting certain selling of our rights to get more \$\$ in their pockets.
16	NO government interference.
17	More job opportunities.
18	Working together for the common good. We need to assist one another. Get rid of the "Indian Crab" mentality on the reservation.
19	A place where the youth can expect opportunities for employment at any level of their choice/education/qualifications and housing availability
20	A close knit community that has adequate services and lands for all Akwesasronon. Expansion of our land base and diversification of the economy. Education a priority and universal healthcare.
21	To have Akwesasronon at peace with one another and families closer together rather than fighting all the time.
22	People who care about themselves, their kids, and their culture
23	Lawfulness, togetherness, healthy people
24	Safe and prosperous
25	Always getting better, safer, prosperous
26	To have a better outlook of the future of the next 7 generations to come. Better schooling for the children. Higher advancement for employment in the job they like. United community to help make life here peaceful with less outside influences of state police, border patrol.

27	To have more and improved places for children to go, and be safe. For elderly people to be more happy and not bored all the time. For people to always depend on transportation such as taxis or bus transportation. Discipline the children that try to ruin everything.
28	Free education for all, more housing and faster development, more recreational services at low prices
29	That each child has a chance to grow up healthy
30	A nice, clean, safe healthy place to raise my family
31	Healthy, prosperous and economically sufficient!
32	Akwesasne people all get along.
33	To reconnect with our youth.
34	To expand and improve and try to work together (all sections) to better the community and services.
35	To provide more trades and high paying jobs.
36	A peaceful, prosperous community.
37	Happiness and caring for each other
38	To be self-sufficient, eco friendly and encouraging a positive lifestyle for all Akwesasronon.
39	That everyone could have a good paying job. We also could cross the border without being harassed. Law enforcement would focus less on marijuana and cigarettes and focus more on cocaine, crack, heroin, and oxycotin which I feel is an epidemic among our youth.
40	The great law of peace but now in the present day.
41	to have better economic opportunities and to increase the work population here.
42	To step back to 1950 when things were a whole lot simpler. Families worked together to provide for the community. There are now so many people who could help make this place more self sufficient. Many of the goods bought from outside could be made right here. Food, furnishings, clothing, medicines, and caring for one another are the most important issues.
43	To be an independent nation that is self sufficient. I believe we can only do this by taxing ourselves so that the monies stay here. We are paying taxes one way or another. I've paid through working for the tribe and did not get it all back.
44	To see a cleaner more educated community. I would like to see the employment rate go up - and not by means of illegal activities. I would like to see drugs and alcohol abuse go down. Smuggling to stop. Our youth to experience more in life. To see our community working together to increase the quality of life and living in Akwesasne.
45	One that is recognized for our people and our heritage not smuggling.
46	That my grand children will feel safe and secure in raising their children here.
47	to live together in peace and prosper.
48	Everyone should have land and home. That is the responsible ones.
49	great place to live and for our children to want to live.
50	To be a safe and friendly environment for everyone.
51	To see us functioning together for the betterment of our community.
52	Bringing back our language and culture distilled into our young ones. Clean water and clean land (no more litter along the roads) Off the Grid!!
53	Have a sustainable economy in sync with the natural world, reduce our impact on the world and to be leaders in sustainable community growth where we are responsible to self, community, Nation, and world. To put our traditional leaders in their rightful place.
54	Diversification.
55	For the young people to be more educated in life and learning.

56	Unity.
57	Peaceful, a place I can come home to raise my children without worrying about their safety.
58	My vision for the future of the Akwesasne community is that it become a safe place to raise our children. That our children don't see the oppression of our people by our own people.
59	preserve the land for our future.
60	For us to be strong again.
61	totally self sufficient.
62	Green friendly happy children and grandchildren to come.
63	To live in harmony as one unified Mohawk Nation.
64	Cultural Tourism.
65	To be self sufficient, with a healthy happy people.
66	To be a great place to raise my children.
67	Clean and Healthy living. A place where neighbors still help you and treat you with respect. A place children know and understand truth and respect.
68	Environmentally friendly, crime free for the future of our children.
69	One community strong in character and identity which protects its people and the environment and does what it can to protect the planets.
71	Health, Happiness and prosperity!
72	A return to traditional values and a more tight-knit community.
73	More community activity, better paying jobs, more land, and our language for the next generations.
74	See more children speaking with each other in their traditional language. Knowing their past, present, future, seeing a stronger more sovereign traditional government.
75	To make a better place to live and work for the Mohawk people.
76	Health and safety for my grandchildren's grandchildren.
77	Get rid of the illegal drugs.
78	To preserve our land, use casino funds to support our own community. put programs in schools to learn about anger, animal rights enforced. Other sports be tended to instead of just lacrosse and hockey, sidewalks and bike path to increase exercise and positive socializing.
79	Unified government and Nation.
80	To come home to a community respected by surrounding communities.
81	A strong community with strong educated united and independent youth who are proud of their backgrounds, but can also cooperate with the world outside Akwesasne, that is essential to the economic survival of our community.
82	To preserve the culture, land, and people.
83	That we will all get along and strive to fulfill the dream of one heart, one mind.
84	Better living.
85	Beautify the reserve, cut down (cut out) on drugs, smuggling. Give all our children the education we need to be self sufficient in our community.
86	If the drug use and criminal activity does not stop then we are going to self destruct. I'd rather not live here so I would move to a place where the crime rate is not as high as this place.
87	honest work for a living.
88	A community that works together in all areas that teaches our youth to work hard and take responsibility.
89	better economic development planning better educational opportunities for our children to take advantage of the economic development plan.

	<i>What do you dislike most about Akwesasne?</i>
1	People drunk and drugs.
2	Litter, ignorance and greed of some individuals.
3	Smuggling.
4	To see more high risers instead of more buildings take up space.
5	their police force and health care.
6	The stigma of smuggling gives us.
7	Criminals! very unsafe to raise a family!
8	Drug trade.
9	Labels.
10	No respect, lack of enforcement/punishment.
11	Drugs/alcohol/smuggling.
12	The negative perception by outside people.
13	Welfare.
14	The drugs and alcohol in the youth
15	The theft rate.
16	Gas prices.
17	We made a lot of people rich but they still pay us less than the white.
18	The stereotypes people have of us.
19	Border crossing.
20	Customs.
21	For all people to get along, stop the jealousy of who has more money.
22	A quiet place where children can grow up safe just like long ago.
23	For youth to have something to look forward to besides working at the cigarette factory for the rest of their lives. More recreational businesses, and increase in culture and language for the youth.
24	Our own people are our worst enemy.
25	Outsiders negative impression.
26	Becoming crowded, deteriorating values.
27	All the smuggling careers among young children
28	People.
29	Smugglers.
30	Losing old ways of respect.
31	Drugs, smuggling, drinking, driving accidents due to alcohol.
32	The distance to travel to get somewhere
33	Not enough sources available for shopping.
34	The government.
35	That we are losing a lot of our culture also that we are letting non natives live here with a pass, and it's hard enough for a native to get a status card.
36	Garbage on sides of road.
37	Drugs, crack heads, low lives and the fight between long house and anti's
38	Tribal government.
39	Attitudes.
40	The deterioration of some of the services and the upbringing of the future youth.

41	The trash, inadequate housing.
42	The bad name we get all the time.
43	Border.
44	That the youth be more involved and help out earlier in their life.
45	A more healthy community both for our native peoples and our mother earth.
46	Drugs, preventable deaths.
47	The negative image smuggling brings to Akwesasne and lack of respect for the young people.
48	Oxycotin addicts.
49	Power gone to heads of cops.
50	Drug and alcohol problem in young adults.
51	Violence, filth, pollution, drugs, lazy people, low self esteem.
52	Traffic, casinos.
53	The trash. The stereotype that gets associated, undereducated youth and adults, drugs.
54	Border waiting lines at US customs.
55	Drugs, smuggling and disrespect of youth towards others and properties
56	Drugs and smuggling (people having money buy land up and sell at high prices!!!)
57	The rampant crime that even our government wants to admit we have.
58	The increase in illegal activities, youth not finishing their education, lawns not being mowed, and garbage in ditches.
59	All of the drug abuse, violence, and what outside communities think of us.
60	The drugs!! I hate the drug smuggling, they are destroying our reputation and killing our kids dreams.
61	The diversity. We are leaving behind our collective thinking and displacing it with individual thinking. "I" versus "we"
62	Drugs.
63	Tribe, MCA aren't for the people, too much nepotism.
64	The dishonest drama and political structures.
65	The drugs and pills have to go it's just hurting our youth.
66	Mean people.
67	Attitudes, younger kids being punks.
68	The people.
69	Some people.
70	Police presence - BCI, border patrol on land and water.
71	All the violence, people need to support law enforcement.
72	Negative awareness by people from Akwesasne.
73	Drug problem.
74	Drugs and lack of respect.
75	Drug and alcohol use.
76	The negative image of us out there (smuggling, drugs).
77	Lack of respect.
78	Members not caring about our community, i.e. littering, speeding, youth deteriorating.
79	Reputation.
80	Crime!!
81	Lateral violence/internalized oppression.
82	The crab syndrome.

83	The drugs, lack of traditional values, confusion in the youth, violence.
84	The negative smuggling, drugs and abuse.
85	Youth being lost in MTV, hip hop, drugs, gangbangers, ongwe-honties.
86	The smuggling and the drug dealings.
87	All the non-native people moving in.
88	The smuggling, the attitude of people that can do what they want, that they are above the law.
89	Drugs, cops are scared to act against some people.
90	Litter.
91	Misinterpretation of smugglers on "what our rights are"
92	If I want to go for a run or take my baby for a walk I have to go to Cornwall.
93	Our attitude, the hand out, entitlement, don't want to work attitude.
94	Smuggling and addictions.
95	Crime.
96	Pollution.
97	We have to pay for trash pickup. It should be run by the tribe and be free.
98	The smuggling and drug problems.
99	Smuggling.
100	Materialism, disrespect in youth, disregard for land and pass the parental buck.

	<i>Are there any health services that are not provided in Akwesasne but you feel should be available in the community? Please specify.</i>
1	Better access to better dental care i.e. crowns, bridges, root canals.
2	Free transportation for medical appointments.
3	More dental assistance.
4	X-ray, MRI, cat scan.
5	Physical therapy, dialysis.
6	Private practices.
7	Chiropractor.
8	Dental.
9	Chiropractor
10	Acupuncture, chiropractor.
11	More holistic approach to health services, Traditional medicine provided that we have our own educated people.
12	A link between traditional approaches as health services, health professions working with traditional healers.
13	Working with entire family to keep it together, health, social, housing, education, not just separately i.e. parenting that works.
14	A real hospital.
15	MRI, dialysis.
16	Diabetes center.
17	Tribe pays for everything, and don't screw people over.
18	Podiatrist.
19	Non resident tribal members get health coverage even though they don't reside on the reserve.
20	Eye care.
21	More interaction with children/teens, keep away from the abuses (alcohol, drugs, gambling)
22	Dialysis.
23	Skincare, female doctor.
24	Special needs, ADD, speech.
25	More alcohol prevention and more services to help the youth and the abusers.
26	Dialysis.
27	Chiropractor, OB-Gin office specializing in labor/delivery.
28	A community center in each district caters to adolescents in Akwesasne.
29	A dental clinic should provide the opportunity to save teeth, i.e. crowns instead of just pulling them.
30	Plastic surgery for car accident victims, not vanity.
31	X-ray, MRI, cat scan.
32	Sports therapists.
33	Medical insurance without having to sign up for Medicaid.
34	Mental health, psychiatry.
35	Cancer treatment facilities, hospital

36	Annual eye care.
37	Specialists.
38	Improvement on dental coverage.
39	Help with major illnesses, cancer, kidney, eyes.
40	Sports clinic.
41	Are native people the only one's losing their limbs because of diabetes.
42	Pediatrician, with the number of children in our community I am surprised we do not have an adequate care for children. This would save the community money for travel to Cornwall/Malone.
43	Lab for tests, x-rays, acupuncture, chiropractor.
44	Specialists, our own Native doctors and nurses.
45	Gynecologist, gastroenterologist, dialysis.
46	More prevention workers.
47	More prevention.
48	After hours/weekend drug store/pharmacy.
49	Sports doctor.
50	Better dental.
51	Sports doctor.
52	Physical rehabilitation for our athletes.
53	Better nutritional services.
54	Chiropractic.
55	Diabetic Dialysis, U.S. portion should provide 100% health care to all of members.
56	Dialysis.
57	More prevention workers, diabetes specialists
58	Need better dental services.
59	Oral surgeons, physical therapy.
60	Oral surgeons .
61	Dialysis.
62	MRI.
63	Holistic health
64	Pediatrician.
65	Chiropractor.
66	Diabetes and cancer and back problems treatments.
67	Rheumatologist.
68	Sports Specialists.
69	Dentists specializing in crown and bridge work.
70	More dentists.
71	Orthodontics.
72	Eye care.
73	Birthing Center/Midwifery.
74	Pediatricians.
75	X-ray, MRI, cat scan.
76	Dentists .
77	More health services.
78	Braces for teeth and more dental procedures beside cleaning and filling.

79	OB, inadequate to area, need more ob's on staff in community.
80	Sports Therapists.
81	Better dentists.
82	Eye care, orthodontist.
83	Orthopedic specialists.
84	Hospital.
85	Diabetic Specialist.
86	Chiropractor.
87	Massages.
88	Midwifery/home births, major surgery and other major care, more professional support for traditional medicine.
89	Full time pediatrician, OB-GYN, Dentist.
90	MRI, dialysis, radiology.
91	Psychology, youth rehabilitation, acupuncture, major surgery
92	Diabetes care.
93	Specialists.
94	More support for single parents.
95	larger dental office, eye and clinic.
96	Children with physical disabilities.
97	Diabetes Dr. Ung to be part of health facilities.
98	Specialists.

APPENDIX – C

Summary of “Youth Survey”

Socio-demographic Characteristics of Respondents

Percent

Sex

	female	45.1
N		91

Age

	12	1.1
	13	19.8
	14	31.9
	15	15.4
	16	14.3
	17	8.8
	18	5.5
	19	2.2
N		91

Grade

	6	3.4
	7	12.4
	8	38.2
	9	14.6
	10	9.9
	11	11
	12	7.7
	College	1.1
N		89

School

	Salmon	
	River	76.9
	Massena	15.4
	GVSS	2.2
	CCVS	1.1
	Other	3.3
N		91

Source: CCDP Youth Survey

College and Work Aspirations

	Percent
<i>Do you plan to attend college:</i>	
Plan on Attending	94.5
N	91
<i>If so, where?</i>	
College in Canada	9.7
Clarkson	1.4
Canton Tech	4.2
Potsdam	4.2
Syracuse	31.9
College elsewhere in NYS	8.3
College elsewhere in USA	12.5
Not Sure	27.8
N	91
<i>After college I plan to get a job:</i>	
Plans to Work	95.6
N	90
<i>If so, where?</i>	
Akwesasne	50.0
Canada	30.0
USA	20.0
N	10

Source: CCDP Youth Survey

Mohawk Language Attitudes and Skills of Youth Respondents

	Percent
<i>How important is the Mohawk language and culture to you?</i>	
0 - Low	1.1
1	3.3
2	8.8
3	22
4	26.4
5 -High	38.5
N	91
<i>Are Mohawk language and culture available to you in your school?</i>	
Yes	94.5
N	90
<i>Are you interested in opportunities to learn to speak your language?</i>	
Yes	87.9
	90
<i>Do you think that our Mohawk language and culture needs to be prioritized in our schools?</i>	
Yes	90.1
	91
<i>What is the level of your Mohawk language skills? Check all that apply.</i>	
Non Speaker	19.1
Non Speaker, Understands	30.9
Moderate	42.6
Fluent	7.4
N	68
<i>Read Mohawk</i>	
Yes	42.9
	90
<i>Write Mohawk</i>	
Yes	34.1
	90
<i>How many in your household speak Mohawk fluently?</i>	
None	44.0
1	23.0
2	13.0
3	8.0
4	1.0
5	1.0
N	91

Source: CCDP Youth Survey

**Use of Recreations Services
by Youth**

Percent

*Please check all services
which you have used in
the past 2 years.*

Facilities/Programs

Used

N

Arena	74.7	91
Baseball Fields	26.4	91
Dance Programs	25.3	91
Health/Fitness	41.8	91
School Sports Facilities	58.2	91
Cultural Services	23.1	91
Swimming Programs	17.6	91
Community Hall	13.2	91
Sports Services	47.3	91
Art Programs	26.4	91
Summer Programs	49.5	91

Interest in More Programs

Percent

Cultural	21.4
Sports Programming	23.8
Sports Facilities	33.3
Both Prgms and Facilites	2.4
Recreational Events	2.4
Other	16.7

N

42

Use of St. Lawrence River

Percent

N

	Used	
Swimming	22.0	91
Canoeing	11.0	91
Fishing	22.0	91
Kayaking	7.7	91
Motor Boating	20.9	91
Other	6.6	91

Source: CCDP Youth Survey

Facilities/Programs Ranked by Use

Arena	74.7	91
School Sports		
Facilities	58.2	91
Summer Programs	49.5	91
Sports Services	47.3	91
Health/Fitness	41.8	91
Baseball Fields	26.4	91
Art Programs	26.4	91
Dance Programs	25.3	91
Cultural Services	23.1	91
Swimming Programs	17.6	91
Community Hall	13.2	91

Source: CCDP Youth Survey

	<i>After college I plan to get a job. If so, where:</i>
1	Education, art supply store and art school.
2	Medical, radiology
3	Music
4	Doctor
5	Art Education
6	Architect.
7	Herne's Auto
8	Law or forensic science.
9	Landscaping and interior design
10	Either with youth or government.
11	start an architecture firm.
12	Lawyer, as a self employed law firm.
13	Fix the courts better, youth sports leagues.
14	Walmart
15	Arizona
16	Florida or Akwesasne.
17	Hockey
18	My own business.
19	Syracuse Akwesasne.
20	Doctor
21	Akwesasne.
22	Florida, doctor
23	NHL player
24	NHL player
25	Child youth worker.
26	Cornwall or Montreal
27	Akwesasne housing.
28	Hospital
29	Submway
30	As a fashion designer and/or teacher.
31	At a school.
32	Teaching.
33	Contractor, carpentry, architect.
34	NYC
35	Acting Toronto/New York.
36	My own business as a vet.
37	Rock star
38	Far away.
39	Pharmacist
40	I want to own my own restaurant.
41	Dentistry.
42	Dentist
43	Maybe the marines or construction.

44	Akwesasne
45	An actress.
46	Mechanic job
47	Pharmacy
48	Hospital
	Source: CCDP Youth Survey

	<i>Please identify or list additional recreational programs and/or facilities you would like to see developed or expanded?</i>
1	More classes for making sweet grass baskets, corn husk dolls, etc.
2	Bowling alley, ice rink
3	The Akwesasne Freedom School.
4	Like the science fair, all schools should do one on culture where students prepare something cultural they like and have a fair and it all in Mohawk.
5	More socials and cultural teachings.
6	Learning facilities for our Mohawk languages.
7	I think they need more programs and a public swimming pool.
8	More classes related to culture.
9	More Mohawk summer school programs.
10	Swimming
11	Be fit and for your heart program.
12	A gym and a park
13	New hockey arena
14	Sports places.
15	Volleyball, lacrosse games at the recs or school.
16	Softball fields.
17	More programs for older teens. More initiative to get the younger into sports and hobbies 2 keep them out of trouble.
18	Mohawk culture in general vanier or in schools in Akwesasne not just culture.
19	Art museum
20	More recreational activities, sports teams.
21	I would like to see the arena expand.
22	Sport programs, complexes
23	Sports complex and programs.
24	Cultural and language classes.
25	Pow wow visits, maybe a bus that goes canoe and kayaking trips
26	Cultural center for everyone to attend and learn more.
27	turf field for soccer and lacrosse.
28	More cultural activities.
29	Cultural crafts, baskets, instruments and tools, lessons on signing or order of the Longhouse.
30	Health center
31	Football team.
32	More sports fields and soccer
33	I would like to see swimming expanded.
34	More arenas
35	Make a hockey rink.
36	All recreation centers and schools.
37	More recreational activities, sports teams.
38	Native American History and Mythology
39	Apprenticeship programs
40	A baseball field

41	Summer programs Cultural programs
42	There should be an ice rink and bowling alley instead of putting and wasting money at the casino!

	<i>What do like the most about our community?</i>
1	I like the variety of activities, sports etc. in our community.
2	Needs more law enforcement/rules in areas such as ATVs on private property.
4	I like the involvement of youth in Mohawk culture,
5	Like the culture.
6	I like the programs and services that are available to us.
7	What I like the most is AFS.
8	What I dislike mose about Akwesasne is its too materialistic.
9	The things I dislike is the smuggling, the violence and the bad harmful products that are being shown in the community.
10	I like that we have everything we need is on the reservation
11	That there is a career available with area management.

	What do dislike the most about our community?
1	I dislike the uninvolved parents. it leads to a variety of problems in the future generations.
2	Dogs that are not on leashes, etc.
3	I dislike the use of drugs and alcohol.
4	Dslike the people fighting one another.
5	I dislike that a lot youth have dropped out of school.
6	I dislike the drugs.
7	I don't like customs.
8	garbage and alcohol abuse
9	What I dislike mose about Akwesasne is its too materialistic.
10	The things I dislike is the smuggling, the violence and the bad harmful products that are being shown in the community.
11	I dislike the lack of activities during after hours that only leaves going out & drinking. If there were more non alcoholic events it would be better.
12	dislike the lack of communication between different parts of Akwesasne ie. U.S and Canada. Like the number of people that want to be involved with the community.
13	I dislike the trouble youth find themselves in.
14	I dislike the use of alcohol in our community.
15	Drug smuggling.

The following comments are the write-ins which lets us know what the youth want to see in the future for Akwesasne?

My ideal vision of the future of Akwesasne is for youth to stop being introduced to drugs. For smuggling to die down. For the people to stop intimidating others who are not as traditional as they are but to guide them to the knowledge they know. More opportunities of Mohawk language and culture in all school where its there for everyone.

I want to see a better medical system, an improved way to handle insurance. Also more energy efficient sources like wind and solar. Need better dental facility.

One longhouse, one government system.

Having Mohawk language be spoken.

All the poor trees cut down so everyone could build houses instead of complexes. More modern and organized yet still people who will disagree because they won't have a good mind. Ideal is opposite of that. Certain people in the longhouse not to act like they own it and that they own a certain bench and shun others. It ruins how awesome Longhouse is.

Hopefully more young adults and children will stay in school. I would like to see more of an effort to keep our language, culture and traditions alive.

For everyone to speak Mohawk.

Will be poor.

More people going to long house and no more smuggling.

For everyone to speak Mohawk, hold powwows, clean place.

More places that we can go to learn about our culture and having a place where we can learn our own language.

I think that in 2020 in Akwesasne there will be less natives and more non-natives.

I would love if people were more positive. and supportive of each other.

Akwesasne is united in a single traditional goverment and a part of a united confederacy within North America wihich encompasses all First Nations. There needs to be more communication between all First Nations, US and Canada especially between all Six Nations.

Settled land claims, respect for tradition and culture, more resources for youth who find themselves in trouble.

My ideal vision of the future Akwesasne is a community joined together as one.

more things to do for children, be much cleaner environment. No more drugs and alcohol.

All of Akwesasne to be clean and for all the nations to be clean.

A lot more Mohawk speakers and fun programs.

Less news about people getting busted for having drugs.

I would like to see more native american activities and more powwows around on the reservation.

Cleaner environment, more useful businesses, night club for teens so they stay out of trouble, pool hall, indoor swimming pool, laser tag.

New hockey arena for summer and lacrosse arena for winter.

hockey arena

New government building and parks newer facilties for native studies and activities.

I think will look the same, but more moterized.

Places where me and my friends can hang out. and a mall.

I think that Akwesasne will be all about drugs and alcohol. And people will be getting in trouble with the law.

Drug free, better chiefs and ones that make a difference more sport activities, more technique make more places for Akwesasne.
I think that for the year 2020 the white man will have made a lot of changes. like more trees will be cut down. more stores and roads will be applied.
In the year 2020 Akwesasne to me, will look like a small city. I think more business buildings will be made and there will be more places to get a job. I would like to see more cultural buildings and more local arts, clothing and traditional stuff.
I think that people are not really going to know Mohawk language because barely anyone speaks it now.
More fluent speakers.
More children to be interested in culture.
A double A hockey team
I would like to see more buildings built for youth to go to that is positive like the boys and girls club but everywhere so more youth have the ability to get there.
Mostly all native stuff and people dancing and singing mohawk.
I wanna see the language used more by everyone in your household. I wanna see the future generation in more sports and positive activities. I wanna see more people finishing high school and college. I wanna see less dropouts . (19 year old female)
I want to see our culture expand and not be forgotten. For teenagers to stay in school and to see the longhouse packed with people. And also recreations and programs that are made for teens that help them with school. (16 year old female at GVSS.)
Happy people and honest living.
Most of the people will speak Mohawk. There will be many more stuff around like big malls and things like IGA.
I would like to see kids talk to each other fluently. I would like to see the people know what each other is say to each other.
I want more people to speak their language - Mohawk all the way. more native programs.
I want Akwesasne to be filled with more fluent Mohawk speakers and have us still be traditional (do ceremonies, socials, etc.)
A mall and places where kids our age can hang out.
A mall, more sports facilities, more places to have fun.
More community events, maybe like talent shows, or hypnotist shows. A beach in Akwesasne would be awesome. More socials and other learning how to dance activities so we could have more pople participate in powwows.
I think there will be many businesses here and there will be lot s more programs for the community. I hope there will be less garbage on the ground. (15 year old female at SRCS)
Movie theatre, more sports fields, a K-12 school.
High school in Akwesasne.
I think it would littered, if us, the youth don't do something about it.
A well educated and a culturally younger generation. Many choice of clubs and group activities on our rezz besides school clubs. More things to keep our younger generations occupied, besides hanging in the streets. (16 year old female at SRCS)
In 2020 I think I'd be cool to see places with more culture in it. something that would attract younger kids and influence our language and culture.
Another arena on the rezz.
I would like to see a better, cleaner community.

Hope to see a better future where our people will learn who we are.
I think Akwesasne will look the same pretty much. I want to see more programs for learning our language. I also want to see more sports programs.
In the future of Akwesasne I would like to see more people participating in things. Also I would like to see less rezz dogs.
more sports teams and fields.
To have a cell phone tower at East end of Akwesasne, to have a better alternative for gas, To have cheaper food prices.
Akwesasne is going to be bigger. It will be able to trade with Canada. It will have bigger buildings and better technology like robots.
I want to see Akwesasne prosper and grow. I think Akwesasne will look more industrialized.
I'd like to see Akwesasne to be cleaner.
It isn't going to look like I want it to look. It will probably look like a city with everybody building and stuff.
All the young boys and men playing lacrosse, everyone going to the point to swim in the summer.
To have the local support programs improved for families who need help and eliminate the cigarette factories.
more sport facilities.
In Akwesasne at the year 2020, I think the sap will stop running down from the trees, the waters will be too polluted to fish or swim in, the soil will be poor and may not be used to farm in, the animals will die. <i>(13 year old student)</i>
Less population
More better technology and houses.
I want to try out for hockey and not be drafted so every body else has a chance.
I hope Akwesasne will be a better community for our people. I wish there's no crime and smuggling.
Cultural program every other week maybe? More boys and gils clubs in Snye and on the island.
I would like to see kids talk to each other fluently. I would like to see the people know what each other is saying to each other.
More and more Mohawk children speaking Mohawk.
I would like to see Akwesasne have its own educational facility that starts from head start all the way to university, an all in one school.
It would be a better place for kids.
More opportunities for kids to explore the world.
I would like to see more people speaking Mohawk around the community. There should also be a pool for the people to go to. I would really like to see more of my classmates graduate high school and go to college at least. Also more programming for students to learn their language outside of school. I would love to see the casino money going back to the people in a check every month. Also my family will get a house on our land.